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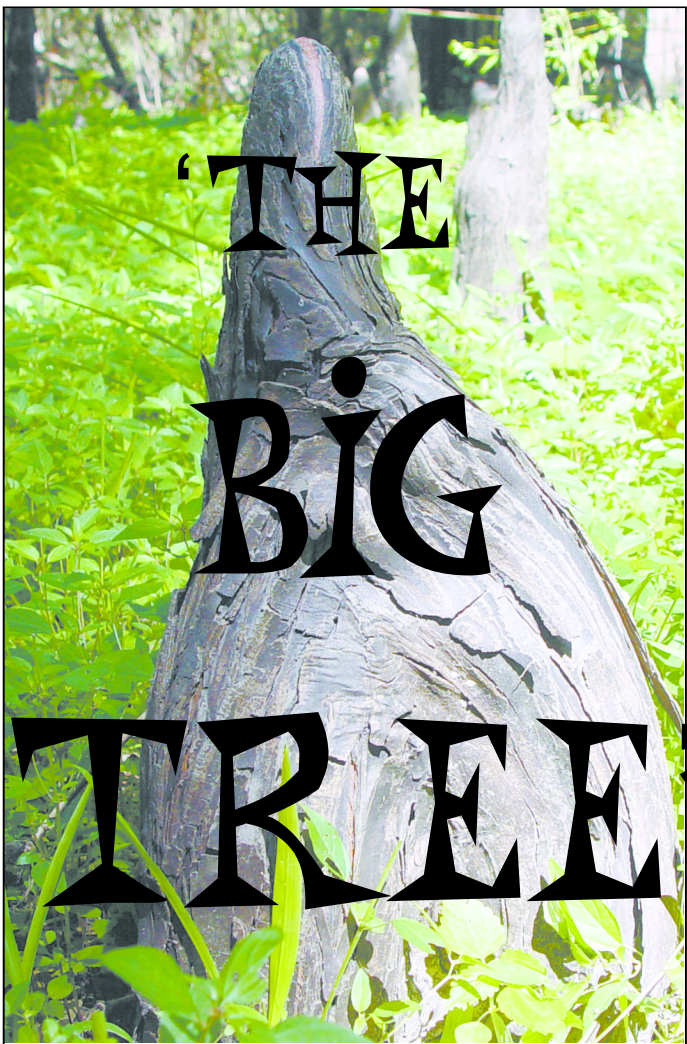


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A hollow trunk that made it unfit for logging saved this baldcypress from the saw in the early 1900s. Old when De Soto explored the Feliciana woods 500 years ago, it's the largest tree in the U.S. east of California's Sierra Nevada mountains. The locals call it simply 'the big tree.'



*They say that these are not the best of times,
But they're the only times I've ever known,
And I believe there is a time for meditation in
cathedrals of our own.*

—Summer, Highland Falls by Billy Joel

There are natural cathedrals in the world. Certain great wonders of nature often evoke a soul-penetrating awe when human beings experience them for the first time. For some, it is the Grand Canyon, or the Rocky Mountains. Still others say a starry night in the Sahara Desert convinced them of the rhyme and reason for the universe.

The vast ecological wonder of Louisiana, with its river swamps and marshland is an overwhelming natural resource not easily comprehended in a single glance like say, the Old Faithful geyser in Wyoming. And even though Louisiana residents have the mighty Mississippi River (which must have been immensely impressive to early European settlers) barges, bridges and levees have seemingly tamed the Old Man.

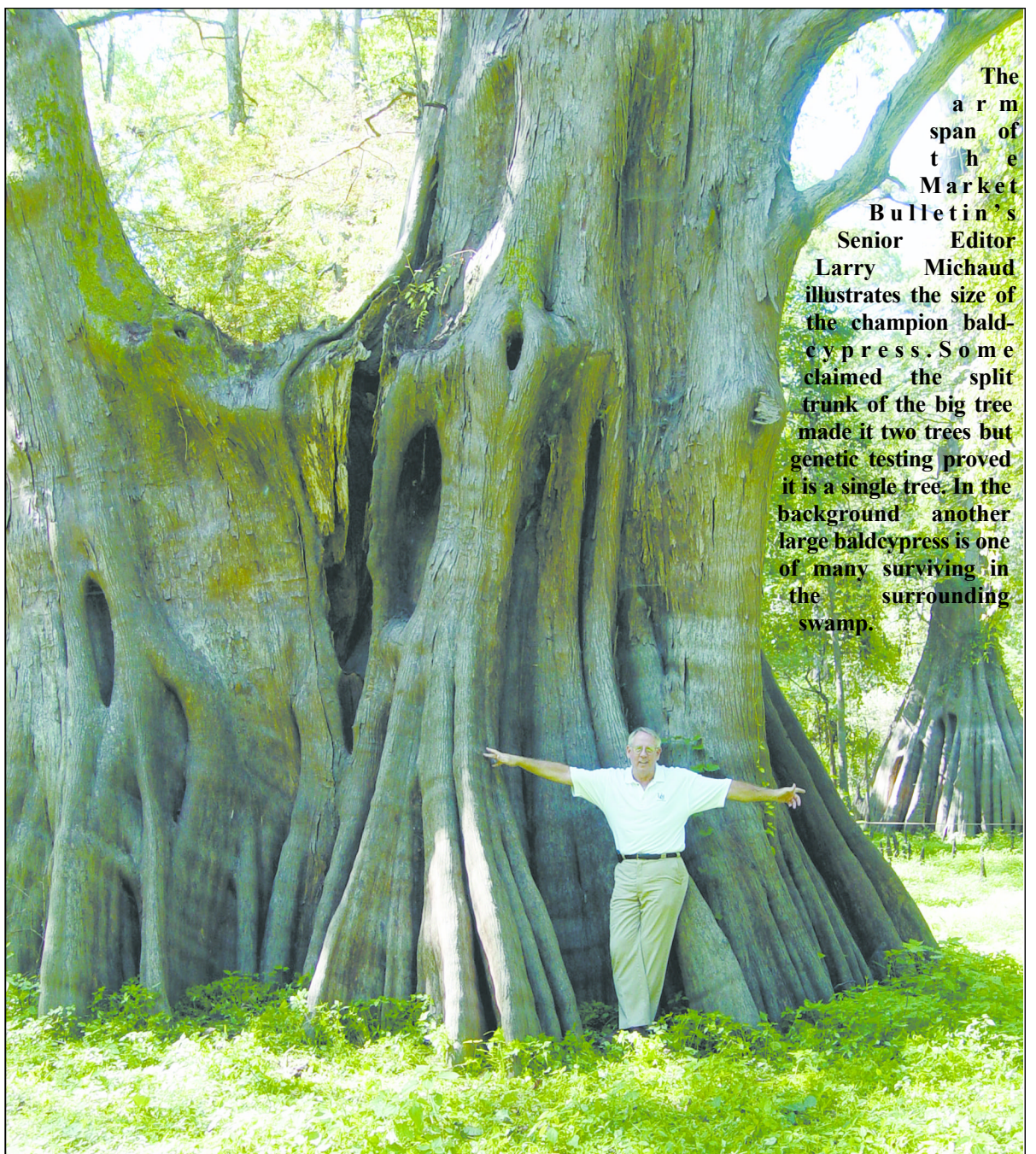
But some of us can find spiritual awakening and inspiration from a single tree.

As the simple verse of Joyce Kilmer says, "Only God can make a tree," a baldcypress tree was made in Louisiana more than a thousand years ago that has survived the woodsman's axe and disease and floods and whatever else nature has thrown at it. It is only fitting that this majestic wonder is located in a wet, wild and remote bend of the Mississippi River, along the only stretch of state land left unprotected from the annual floods of the big river.

It has truly earned the title "Champion Baldcypress."

"The Big Tree," located in the heart of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge west of St. Francisville in West Feliciana Parish, is a staggering 54-feet wide in circumference and 83-feet tall with a top-of-the-tree-crown spread of nearly 30 yards. Those measurements are good for a total score of 748 points according to the American Forest Foundation and make the Feliciana tree the largest tree in the

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The arm span of the Market Bulletin's Senior Editor Larry Michaud illustrates the size of the champion baldcypress. Some claimed the split trunk of the big tree made it two trees but genetic testing proved it is a single tree. In the background another large baldcypress is one of many surviving in the surrounding swamp.



BIG TREE, *continued from page 1*

U.S. east of the Sierra Nevada mountains in California.

It is really not the height of the tree that is so impressive, but its massive girth. To put it in perspective it would take the combined arm length of nearly eight Shaquille O'Neals to completely hug the tree.

The tree did not attain champion status without its competitors, however, but withstood a challenge from a Florida tree known as "The Senator."

The Senator, at 118 feet, is taller than The Big Tree and has a crown spread of 56 feet. Its chief failing is that its circumference is a paltry 35 feet and was awarded only 557 points by the American Forest Foundation.

Florida experts challenged the Louisiana tree by making the claim that the river swamp tree was actually several trees that had merely merged together.

Janet Tompkins, the Champion Tree Coordinator for the Louisiana Forestry Association said science ultimately ended the dispute.

"Our tree was genetically tested a few years ago and the genetics proved it was one tree," Tompkins said.

How did the tree survive the lumber boom in the early 20th century? Why was this remarkable tree not harvested like the rest of the cypress forest across south Louisiana?

Tompkins said a combination of factors most likely spared the tree.

"During the lumber heyday in the 1900s to the 1940s the tree was already recognized as being old," Tompkins said. "At that time we know the tree was hollow and probably not the best tree for lumber so that's why it was spared."

Tompkins also said annual floods made the tree inaccessible.

"There are watermarks on the tree that show flood waters from the Mississippi can reach 15 to 20 feet," she said.

In fact, since the area is not protected by a levee system, the Cat Island Refuge is closed during the high water season. Depending on northern snowfall and southern rains, the river may rise several times from late

December to June. When the river gauge at Baton Rouge shows 26 feet or above there is no access to the champion cypress by car. And when the river is at 31 feet, the entire refuge is closed.

The area is one of the last places in the lower Mississippi River Valley that is still influenced by the natural dynamics of the river.

"The Loess bluffs near the river in that area are higher than any levee that could be built," said Brad Spicer, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry and head of the state Soil and Water Conservation Commission. "But there is a narrow floodplain there and that is the area that floods."

At some point previous landowners recognized the significance of the tree, Tompkins said.

"It's always been recognized as a special place even when it was owned by Georgia Pacific," Tompkins said. "They always protected the tree and were preserving 40 acres around it."

The Louisiana field office of the Nature Conservancy also recognized the significance of the area and began negotiating with the timber company to buy 9,500 acres of the bottomland forest. The deal was concluded in 2000, said Richard Martin, the associate state director of the Nature Conservancy. But still a larger plan for the area is under discussion with the Nature Conservancy working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expand the protected area to 36,500 acres.

"Not only is the Cat Island area one of the largest forested wetlands that still receives flooding from the Mississippi River," Martin said, "it is also one of the larger blocks of contiguous bottomland forest that is still connected with the Tunica Hills upland forest."

"It's more than just the big tree."

The remoteness and the natural feeling of the area is the attraction. One is truly in the bosom of Mother Earth when standing next to the big tree.

"I took a group to visit the tree back when the land was still privately owned by Georgia Pacific," Tompkins said. "When we stood



beside it, we were dwarfed. It's magnificent.

"To think how old the tree is made it special and I think that was a common thing among the people in the group. We were standing by something that was here long before there was a Louisiana."

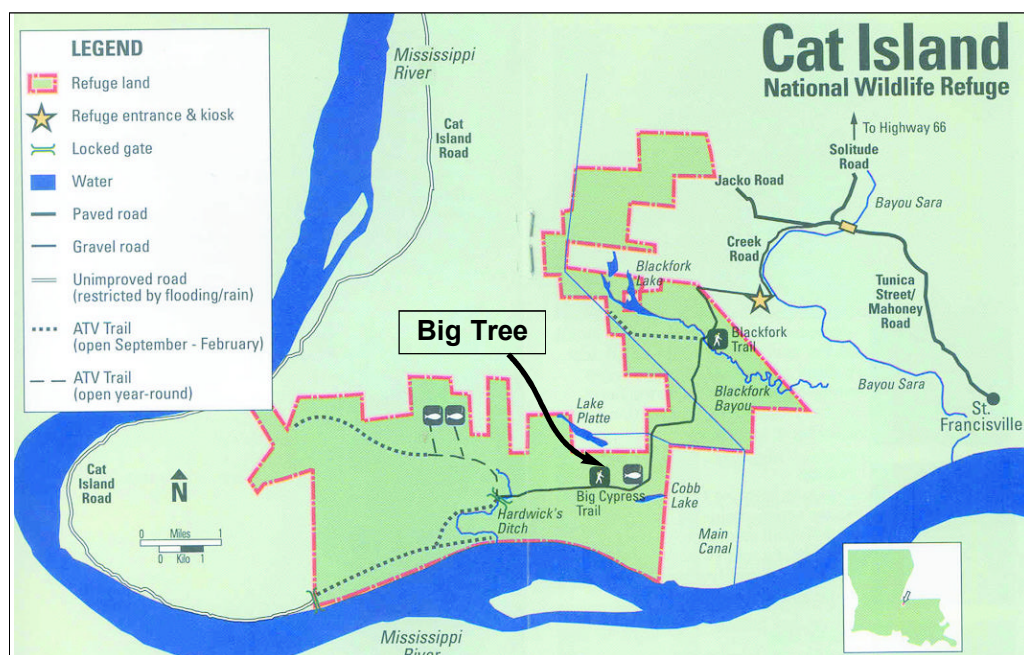
Refuge Manager Virginia Rettig knows what Tompkins is talking about.

"I think it's mystical," Rettig said. "Once you get out of your car and walk a few feet into the forest, everything changes."

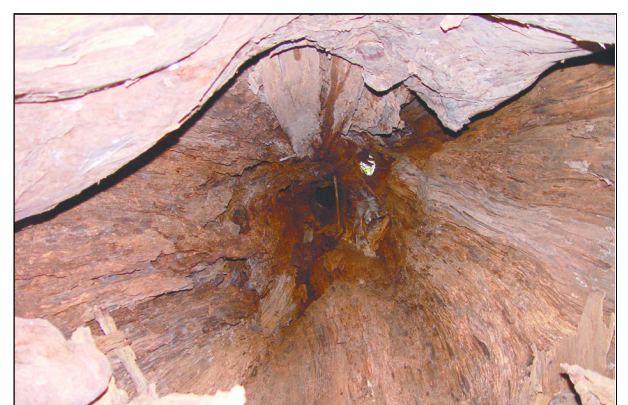
"There are not many places left that look and feel like Cat Island. When you think about how old some of the trees are, it really is awe-inspiring."

The tree has generated a lot of positive energy for the refuge system locally and nationally, said Mike Chouinard, the project manager for the Central Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

"It gives urbanites from Baton Rouge and



Using a logger's tape which measures in tenths of a foot, the Big Tree's trunk measures 54 feet in an unofficial calculation recently (top, clockwise). LDAF Firefighter Francis Voorhies points to the 12-foot watermark on a nearby baldcypress left by last spring's flooding. Lush green vegetation carpets the forest floor at Cat Island after the annual flood waters recede. The hollow core of the Big Tree may be the reason why it was not harvested during the cypress lumber boom in the early decades of the 20th century (right, bottom). Another nearby baldcypress (right, top) also has a hollow trunk.



Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

Sugarcane harvest is in full swing and most producers say sugar content is higher than in recent years but yields could be down, Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom said.

"An increase in sugar content over previous years will definitely be a boost for the industry," Odom said. "But, we're expecting yield to be lower than usual. That's the way agriculture always works. It's hard to have a perfect year, where

everything goes your way, when Mother Nature is the boss and rain clouds and the sun are your coworkers."

Jackie Theriot, general manager of the Louisiana Sugarcane Cooperative, said he expects an average of 27 to 28 tons per acre, a decrease of about 10 percent from the average 30 to 31 tons per acre.

"Lower yields or not, we're still looking at ways to help producers come out ahead. The cane train in

southwest Louisiana is rolling out each day making it more efficient to move cane from the Lake Charles area to mills in south central and southeast Louisiana. And we're making progress every day on the syrup mill near Lacassine," Odom said.

The cane train started moving sugarcane in the late 1990s and has been at its current Lacassine spur site for two years. The train takes about 40 to 50 cane trucks off the

road each day between Lake Charles and Lafayette.

"With about 100 days in the sugarcane season, roughly 150,000 tons of sugarcane are taken off the road and put on the rail," Odom said. "It's not only a financial benefit to the producer, the more tons moved by rail the cheaper it is, it's also safer for drivers in the state. Keeping large cane trucks off congested city streets in Lafayette and state highways protects citizens

and saves money."

Odom said the final figures for this year's cane crop will not be available until early 2005, but he expects projections to hold barring any unexpected weather events.

"The producers could use a little rain but not so much that it keeps them out of the fields for an extended period," he said. "Right now things look pretty good for the industry. We'll just have to wait and see."

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

Polled Simm. bulls, red or blk., good EPD's for heifers, very gentle, all shots, wormed, 9-24 mos., \$600/1-up. Harold Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

Reg. red Limousin bull, born 1/03, AI sire Cane Ridge Blockade, extremely gentle, great herd bull prospect, \$1500. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

Reg. 3 yr. Brangus cow, \$900; reg. 7 mo. Brangus bulls, show prospects avail., \$800/1-up. Dale Clark, Rayne; (337) 873-8188.

Reg. red Angus bulls, 16 mos., AI from King Rob, \$1400. Jim Ortego, Carencro; (337) 278-1183.

Hereford/Angus cross bull calve, 7 mos., both parents on site, blk. w/wh. face, \$650. Garri Shipman, Wilmer; (985) 748-7444.

(100) Brangus heifers, exposed to reg. Angus bulls, from Express Ranch, Oklahoma, dewormed twice, very gentle, will come when called, \$900-\$1000. Charles Kingrey, Kinder; (337) 738-3043 or (337) 504-2667.

Reg. Char. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 804-2594.

Angus bulls, 2 yrs., good bloodlines, \$2000/1. Tommy Leger, Scott; (337) 873-8859.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls & prs., \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Maine Anjou bulls, solid blk., all shots, wormed, super weights, AI sired, 8 mos. & 11 mos., \$900-\$1200; 7 & 9 mos., \$700-\$900. Judy Wiggins, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-0309.

Polled Hereford bulls, 9 mos., excel. quality, all shots, wormed,

gentle, great EPD's, AI sires, \$900/1. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

8 Mo. son of TC Stockman 365, \$950; 8 mo. son of R & R Architect, \$900; 22 mo. grandson of B/R New Design 036, \$2000. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

(5) Bred F-1 Braford heifers, 20 mos., 900 lbs., \$6250; reg. 3/8 x 5/8 Braford show heifers, 17 mos., exposed for 60 days, \$1200. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Crossbred, bred heifers, \$1050; prs., \$1275; breeding age bulls, \$1200/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. 11 mo. Limousin bull, a positive imprint in your program, w/excel. background & EPD's, \$900/1. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson; (985) 209-0026.

Large selection of Gelbvieh bulls, all ages, \$900/1-up. Homer Knost, Clinton; (225) 683-8044.

Longhorn steers, ready to rope, horns are 4"-6" long, \$360-\$450/1. Terry Miller, Bunkie; (318) 346-9280.

Reg. polled pb Char. heifers, 7-9 mos., \$700/1-up; 13-15 mo. bulls, excel. EPD's, \$1100/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush; (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington; (985) 871-0317.

(20) Reg. Angus bulls, 2 yrs. & almost 2 yrs., ready for heavy service, most are AI sired, w/excel. EPD's, \$1650/1-up. LaMar DePhillips, Husser; (985) 748-7298.

(80) Braford heifers, 3/4 x 1/4, exposed to 5/8 x 3/8 Braford bulls, brucellosis vacc., wormed, all shots, gentle, \$850/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Pb Simbrah bull, 6 mos., easy calving sire, deep red, \$600. N. LeJeune, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5813.

Reg. Jerseys, show quality heifers, Canadian bred, born 3/10/04, \$800. Coy Durke, Abbeville; (337) 893-7601.

Reg. Beefmaster heifers, 7 mos., show quality, \$800/1. Richard Belgard, Pineville; (318) 445-0229 or (318) 308-9240.

(14) Blk. Brangus type heifers, bred to Angus bull, gentle & dog broke, \$14,000. John Briscoe, Elton; (337) 584-2751.

Holstein nurse cows, \$1000/1; Holstein bull calves, \$150/1. Brent Duncan, Franklinton; (985) 839-9493.

(10) F-1 Braford heifers, 700-900 lbs., gentle, exposed to reg. Angus bulls since April, \$12,500; (6) Braford heifers, open, 14-16 mos., \$750/1; (15) F-1 Braford

heifers, tiger stripes & solid colors, 8-11 mos., \$825/1. Trase Satcher, Denham Springs; (225) 665-6265.

Bred cows, \$725/1. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-3041.

Jersey & Holstein nurse cows, \$700/1-up. K. Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-3041.

(3) Golden cert. F-1 Braford heifers, w/tiger stripes, 6 mos., \$650/1. Kami Guillot, Mansura; (318) 253-8585.

Brangus bull, 3 yrs., Eagle Ranch breeding, good breeder, (2) calf crops, calves to show, \$1800. Winston Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0104.

(4) Pb F-1 heifers, (2) blk. 17 mos., bred, vacc., \$1200/1; (2) stripe, open, vacc., 7 mos., \$700; 9 mo., \$900; (2) 3/4 Hereford, 1/4 Brahman, 8 mos., \$650; (1) 20 mo., bred, \$850. James Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 506-3150.

(6) 1/2 Limousin yrlds., exposed to Limousin bull, \$700/1. Paul Comeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-6002.

Blk. Angus show heifer, born 10/21/03, excel. quality, young child can't handle, needs a show home, too good to put to pasture, \$1500. Dale Schexnayder, Baton Rouge; (225) 344-3434 or (225) 215-9576.

Reg. 5/8 x 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$700/1-up; bred heifers, \$1100/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

(40) Braford, calving now, 1200 lbs., \$50,000 firm; (40) Brangus, \$44,000. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-8820.

Blk. crossbred cow, 3 yrs., 1100 lbs., bred to Beefmaster bull, to calve April '05, \$950. Nic Girgenti, Roseland; (985) 748-4990 or (985) 517-8754.

(2) Reg. blk. Brangus bull calves, 8 mos., excel. bloodlines, gentle disp., all shots & wormed, papers in buyer's name, \$750/1. Charles Morvant, Broussard; (337) 856-5352.

Reg. 3/4 x 1/4 Simbrah bull, 8/21/02, \$1000; reg. Ayrshire cow, 9/22/98, reserve champ. at LSU, \$850. Greg Lefleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

Wanted: young polled Shorthorn cows & heifers, also a bull, prefer roan color. Clay Boudreaux, Gray; (985) 879-2386.

Wanted: will trade 6 yr. pb Hereford w/2 mo. bull calf for bred

Jersey or Guernsey. Leroy Arabie, Eunice; (337) 546-0360.

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1996 Gray QH mare, 15 hands, kids & adults ride, used for trail & parade riding, good handle, well trained, \$1100 obo. P. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2004 AQHA cow bred colts, all colts well built & correct stud or performance prospects, good quality pedigrees, all halter broke & gentle, (1) buckskin, \$1500; chestnut, \$800; sorrel, \$800. Debra Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

2002 AQHA sorrel geld., 14 hands, Grandson of Peppy De Badger, dbl. bred Peppy San Badger, Doc Sug Model, Doc Bar, very gentle & quiet, 60 days riding, \$1500. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

Reg. TW gray yrlg. filly, \$700; reg. TW, blk., rear wh. stockings, 2

ysr., gentle, green broke, \$1500; miniature donkeys, \$250-\$400. Jack McLemore, Dry Prong; (318) 640-9319.

2003 pal/wh. tobiano geld., halter broke, '04 pal. filly halter broke, well built, both are Doc's Poco Doc, Frecka Lena Bar & Young Guns bred, \$600/1-up. Faith Farbe, Simmesport; (318) 941-2259.

MFT yrlds., \$1000/1-up; colts, \$750/1-up. Jim Sullivan, Winnsboro; (318) 435-3104 or (318) 435-5185.

2004 APHA chestnut tobiano stud colt, beautiful markings, excel. conform. & pretty head, very gentle, will bathe, clip & lead, Top Gunner, Barlink Macho Man bred, \$750. Kim Martin, Minden; (318) 377-8374.



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1988 AQHA broodmare, by NCHA M.E. of \$14,429, Doc Sport Model, Hollywood Gold on dam side, in foal to NCHA ME son of Pepoboonsmal, \$14,000. Rodney Hebert, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-5474.

2001 AQHA sorrel filly, out of Hesa Crazy Magic, by Streakin LaJolla by Streakin Six on top, was in race training for 2 mos., \$3500. W. Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217.

1988 AQHA sorrel mare bred to APHA bay/wh. tobiano stallion Bar Room Alley & Miss Royal Puddin bloodline on mare, \$2000. G. Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217.

2003 AQHA sorrel filly, Illusive Copy & Sonny Dee Bar, bred, will make awesome 4-H or show horse, \$2950. Heather Gill, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217.

AQHA 3 yr. mare, Kid Clu lines, show experience, awesome head, \$3500; APHA yrlg. filly, bay tobiano, gentle, cow bloodlines, \$1000; AQHA, 5yr. show mare, \$5000 will trade for older show mare. Christina Miller, Killian; cmiller25@eatel.net or (225) 695-6746.

1994 AQHA sorrel geld., easy to handle, very good trail riding horse, 16 hands, approx. 1100 lbs., \$1200. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 969-0518 or (985) 845-2402.

2003 Reg. pal. colt, has a lot of size & great conform., sire is Doc Bar bred, 90% foundation, \$1800 obo. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

2003 dbl. reg. golden pal. colt, has a gorgeous head & conform., 4th generation pal. on top, sire is 90% foundation bred, dam has AQHA w/points & also a futurity winner, \$2500. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

(2) 2004 AQHA pal., Doc Bar bred, sire over 90% foundation & the other is Sport Model bred, both are real good looking, nice colts, \$800/1. Jane Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

Reg. red roan overo mare, 4 yrs., dbl. bred Doc Bar & Doc Lynx, loads, leads, ties & bathes, has been shoed & started under saddle, real gentle, very calm, \$900 obo. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

1999 AQHA sorrel geld., ROM 29 AQHA halter points, qualified youth world twice, excel. pedigree, shown by grandson, w/8 mo. experience, last 2 shows 2 grand championships, \$7500. William Connelly, Denham Springs; (225) 665-3622.

2002 AQHA filly, beautiful

conform., can be trained for speed events, Western pleasure or halter ridden by 16 yr. old, excel. pedigree, \$4500; '90 AQHA broodmare, her offspring are outstanding, good bloodline, was show yrs. ago, \$1950. William Connelly, Denham Springs; (225) 665-3622.

(5) APHA fillies, weaned, gentle, broke to lead & load, good conform. & bloodlines, some may be homozygous, sire is homozygous & dams are tobiano, \$600/1-up. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

APHA colt, breeding stock, dark brown/blk., gentle, broke to lead & load, excel. conform., Jetalito & Risky Business bloodlines, \$650; APHA 2 yr. filly, blue roan/wh., broke & gentle, Jetalito & Joechief Bar bloodlines, \$850. D. Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

CHSA, 2 yr. bay dun, Caspian colt, 11.2 hands, halter broke, \$3000; 6 mo. bay Caspian colt, \$2000; 5 yr. gray Caspian mare, 11/2 hands, halter lead, trailer, \$3500. Jennie Peters, Iowa; (337) 582-1200 or (337) 274-7983.

Reg. QH filly, extra nice, performance bred, no impressive blood, but could halter, flashy & very gentle, straight w/excel. hip & head, \$1250. Paula Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Reg. QHs, out of world champ stallion cutting horse, 17 mo. & (13) babies, \$1800-\$3500; (1) 3 yr. filly, ready to start showing, \$15,000. Terry Miller, Bunkie; (318) 346-9280.

Reg. App. mare, 6 yrs., used for barrels & poles, Two-Eyed Jack, Poco Bueno, King bred, great horse, \$2000. Tammy Bergeron, Denham Springs; (225) 667-8001 or (225) 261-3633.

2002 AQHA dark gray Colonel Freckles bred filly, extremely gentle, \$3500; '99 AQHA sorrel Colonel Freckles bred geld., nice cow horse, \$2500. John O'Neal, Lake Charles; (337) 433-1856.

(4) AQHA weans., by Lectric Energy by Lectric Playboy, out of daughter of Bob Acre Doc, \$1000/1. Jerry Salley, Many; (318) 256-6975.

2003 AQHA dun filly, foundation breeding, speed event prospect, willing to please, \$600. P. Smith, Loranger; (985) 878-3082.

Beautiful 17 mo. AMHA miniature, dapple gray filly, super gentle, has been shown in halter, 27", \$1500. Kim Calderera, Paulina; (225) 869-9803.

Paso Fino horses, 13 yr. mare, gaited, show quality, 1500; fillies, \$1100 & 1250; geld., 3 yrs., \$1000; colt 2 1/2 yrs., \$500. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

Pal. filly, foaled May '04, \$400 obo; 6 yr. sorrel mare, rides great, needs experienced rider, \$900 obo. D. Tastet, Lockport; (985) 637-1213.

Pocos Colonel AQHA sorrel filly, foaled 2/04, very gentle, excel. pedigree, \$900 obo. David Tastet, Lockport; (985) 637-1213.

Reg. pb Arabians at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2 plus hands, excel. temperament, foals to show

& for sale, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

AMHA miniature mares & '04 foals, colorful & affectionate, mares exposed to 30 1/2" blk./wh. pinto, weans., \$750/1-up; mares, \$950/1-up. Armand Scurria, Chalmette; (504) 650-9197.

AQHA 22 yr. cutting broodmare, Doc's Misty Badger, reg. name, gentle, easy to handle, \$1000. Randy Rogeau, Lake Charles; (337) 582-4049.

AQHA weans., yrlgs., 3 yr. olds & broodmares, all cutting & reining bred, Hollywood Dunit & Doc's Prescription bloodlines, \$900/1-up. Cindy Greene, Abbeville; (337) 893-5119 or (337) 652-1033.

AQHA 4 yr. sorrel mare, San Peppy, Doc Bar, Poco Pine, Poco Bueno, bloodlines, started steer roping, gentle, sound & has been ridden by 13 & 15 yr. old, \$1850. Errol Aymond, Effie; (318) 253-8235 or (318) 447-1206.

Performance & foundation bred, reg. QH, most ages & colors avail., bloodlines include Shining Spark, Puddenhead, Poco Bueno, Peppy San & mare, \$750/1-up. J. Mark Browning, Ethel; (225) 683-3627.

AQHA sorrel, 4 yrs., broodmare, w/5 mo. red roan stud colt, bloodline, Little Peppy Badger & Sonofa Little Peppy, \$2000. Leroy Richard, Church Point; (337) 684-6420.

16 Mo. QH filly, blk., halter broke, \$3000; 5 mo. TW filly, bay, wh. markings, gaited, halter broke, \$400, 14 yr. TW filly, blk. gaited, halter broke. Roland Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1296.

AQHA brown mare, 9 yrs., 15.2 hands, 1200 lbs., gentle to ride or great broodmare, will make timed event mare, catch anywhere, washes & trims, \$1600. Butch Dison, Castor; (318) 576-3322 or (318) 576-8835.

Miniature horses, mares & colts, paints, blk./wh., red/wh. & solids, some reg. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

1/2 TW, 1/2 American Saddle horse, 2 yrs., gentle, halter broken, w/saddle blanket & rings, \$1500/all. Chuck Jeansonne, Mansura; (318) 253-1722.

Wanted: miniature horses, 1-20 head, mares & colts, reg. or not, w/clean EIA (Coggins) test, reasonably priced. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

Wanted: (1) mule, black, w/lighter color nose, between 51" & 53", between 2 & 3 yrs., gentle. B. R. Whitehead, Provencal; (318) 352-2153.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA pal. stallion, over 90% foundation, Doc Bar & King bred, produces a lot of size on his babies, \$300/\$5 mare care. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

APHA bay/wh. tobiano paint, out of 2x reserve grand champ. Tinky Sugar Bars & AQHA Hall of Fame racing horse Sugar Bars,

very gentle stud, children ride him, \$300/\$5 mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217 or (337) 826-4519.

2000 AQHA sorrel stallion, out of Hesa Crazy Magic, by Streakin LaJolla, by Streakin Six, very muscular & lots of speed, \$350/\$5 mare care, special consideration for proven mares. Gary Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 207-3217 or (337) 826-4519.

1998 Golden pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 627-9562 or (225) 234-2322.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac Tuhomos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$500 introductory offer, limited breeding. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

Dun, lineback Blackburn, AQHA stallion, pedigree is predominantly Blackburn & Pretty Buck, pretty head, big body, large bone & superb temper, limited booking in '05, rare bloodline to this area, \$500/\$5 mare care. Randy Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

Shining Sneakers x Shining Spark, AQHA superior reining, AQHA circuit championships, NRHA money earner, \$600/\$6 pasture mare care, \$8 stall mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, borerquarterhorses@aol.com or (225) 667-7415.

1995 APHA blk. & wh. tobiano, pro trained for Western Pleasure, gorgeous head, w/outstanding disp., \$250/\$5 mare care. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA beautiful bay stallion, great conform., 90% foundation bred Doc Bar & King breeding, Blondy's Dude, \$300/\$5 mare care. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA perlino stallion, homozygous for the dilute gene, guaranteed pal. or buckskin, out of your sorrel or bay mares, foundation bloodlines, \$300/\$5 mare care. Jane Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

SHEEP & GOATS

Selling out, small herd, (7) nannies, (2) billies, \$50/1. Sylvia Metz, Denham Springs; (225) 664-5843.

3 1/2 yr. red/brown Nubian buck, has great bloodlines, out of Old Glory, \$500. Owen Foreman, Crowley; (337) 788-1417.

Reg. Lamanha bucks, ready to breed, show/milking bloodlines, \$150/1-up; nice wethers, gentle disp., (1) smallish Boer doe, \$100/1-up. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683.

Percentage Boer goats & fb, red

& blk. heads, '04 babies, \$75-\$100/1. Raphael Johnson, Basile; (337) 432-5073.

Pygmy goats, herd reduction sale, does, \$75/1-up; (1) buck, \$50; (1) wether, \$35. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; (225) 625-4439.

Katahdin ram, approx. 2 yrs., \$50. Tina Pilione, Eunice; (337) 580-0068.

Boer goat males, breeding age, \$75/1, bred nannies, \$100/1-up, also weaned kids. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

100% Boer billies, sire is a S.A. fb Boer, w/papers, \$300/1. Norris Deville, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7000.

Fb IBGA reg. Boer buck, born 5/6/04, disbudded, ready to show for 4-H, \$200. R. Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264.

Nubian buckling, 5 mos., \$50. Louis Robert, Hessmer; (318) 563-4428.

Pygmy goats, males & females, different ages, \$50/1-up. Donald Glass, Covington; (985) 893-9885.

Wanted: Spanish brush goats, no pygmy or Boer mix. Barney Griggs, Newton, TX; (409) 379-8437.

SWINE

Farrowing crate, Vittetoe raised, floor crate, fully equipped w/auto water & feeders, for sow & pigs, used 2x, great 4-H project, \$200. John Persick, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7108.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

(3) Female Beagles, reg. w/papers, 9 mos., running, \$150/1. Billy Allen, Sr., Jackson; (225) 634-7259.

Blk. & tan coonhound pups, born 8/29/04, UKC, \$175. Nick Roger, Covington; (985) 892-9819.

AKC lab pups, all shots, both parents have pedigrees, \$225/1. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

(2) Male beagles, 3 yrs., \$200/1. A.J. St. Pierre, Lockport; (985) 532-3294.

NALC Catahoula pups, all shots & wormed, \$250. Chuck Methvien, Holden; (225) 567-3317.

CKC Great Pyrenees pups, born 2/9/04, only (2) female & (1) male left, great livestock dogs, great pets, parents on premises, \$250/1. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

AKC Pembroke Welsh corgi pups, champ. bloodlines, \$400-\$700/1. Mona Yarbrough, Church Point; (337) 668-4765 or (337) 962-7929.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 8/25/04, leopards, glass eyes, all shots, \$150/1. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909.

Reg. Jack Russell pups, \$200. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 288-1859 or (337) 873-4041.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 4/29/04, off of proven working stock, wormed/shots, \$200/1 nego. Mona Williams, Denham Springs; (225) 665-8680.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 9/18/04, parents will work cattle, hogs & tree, \$200/1. Kelvin Perron, Port Allen; (225) 648-3283.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Breeder pr. brown throat conures, \$275. N. Jackson, Carencro; (337) 896-0030.

Cockatiels, hf & breeder age, grays, pieds, pearls, cinn., lutinos, albinos, wh. face & most combinations, all seamless banded, certificates included., \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Doves, \$6/1. Bubba Frey, Eunice; (337) 457-1140.

Breeder parakeets, (10) hens, (13) males, to a flight, (3) flights in all, \$5/1 or complete flight, \$100, not sold separately, cash only. Joseph Hains, Jr., New Orleans; (504) 241-6245.

(3) Male cockatiels, \$25/1; diamond doves, normals, \$15/1; fancy diamond doves, \$25-\$35/1; cockatiel & parakeet nest boxes, \$5 & \$6/1 or trade any above for parakeets or lovebirds. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

Ringneck doves, singles, \$5/1; proven prs., \$15/pr. Gervin Miller, Church Point; (337) 684-2833.

Indian ringneck parakeets, green/blue, blues, turquoise, violets, violet/green, Alexandrians, \$50-\$1500/1; (1) breeder male hyacinth macaw, \$6000/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Proven breeder pr., yellow nape Amazons, w/cage, \$3000; 2 yr. military macaw, w/cage, \$1500, call between 6 & 8 p.m. Bob Yarbrough, Church Point; (337) 668-4765.

Male eclectus parrot, very tame, young, in great health, cage & perch, plays w/dog & cat, \$500 obo. Brian Bigler, Covington; (985) 809-0918.

Canaries, from award winning line, Gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$60/1; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

Breeder prs., parrots, orange-wings, \$350/pr.; Mexican red-heads, \$550/pr. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Parakeets, \$8/1. Ray Barrilleaux; (337) 241-4549.

Finches, Gouldians, diamond sparrow, shaft-tails, societies, zebra, black-face, black breasted, zebra & other many mutations, \$6/1-up. Terry Perez, Cut Off; tbirds@mobiletel.com or (985) 665-3902.

(2) Congo African gray proven prs., cage & nest box, \$1600/pr. Jane Brown, Des Allemands; (985) 758-3774.

Hf RS eclectus babies, not

weaned, \$500; hf large scarlet macaw baby, not weaned, \$850; (2) proven pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Congo grays, (1) bonded pr. Timenh grays, \$1250/pr. & up. Mike Dugas, Plattenerville; (985) 369-2730.

Ringneck dove normals & wh., \$7.5-\$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Proven breeder Mollucon cockatoo, \$1200 or trade; wh. doves, \$10/1; blk. swans, \$400/pr. Darren Mallet, Denham Springs; (225) 664-5536.

Proven prs. of doves, all colors, \$20/pr.; young doves, \$5/1. C. Jeansonne, Mansura; (318) 253-1722.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Peking ducks, \$5-\$8/1; muscovy ducks, \$5-\$8/1; hens, \$6/1; pullets, \$4/1; silkies, \$6/1; banty chicks, \$3/1; banty adults, \$6/1. Gladys Oestricher, Lacombe; (985) 882-7598.

Wh. guineas, pearl & pied, 1-4 mos., \$4-\$6/1; XXL jumbo quail hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickled eggs, \$5/pt.; dressed \$24/doz.; live, \$1-\$3/1. S. Delk, Hahnville; stevedelk@cox.net or (985) 783-2404.

Peafowl, wh., pied & blk. shoulder, 2 & 3 yrs., \$75/1. Harves George, Flatwoods; (318) 793-4384.

Turkeys, broad-breasted bronze, blk. Spanish & blue slates, cage raised & kept wormed, \$15/1. Chuck Methvien, Holden; (225) 567-3317.

Pharaoh quails & wh., new hatchings weekly, 35¢/1; mature flying mallards, \$7/1. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Guineas, different ages, at place, \$4 & \$5/1. Milton Allen, Denham Springs; (225) 665-7606.

Extra large Pharaoh quail, adult, \$1.5-\$2/1; setting eggs, \$10/100; pickling eggs, \$8/100, also young birds. C. J. Hoffpauir, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7495.

Ringneck pheasants, \$10/1. Darrell Arabie, Duson; (337) 849-3718.

Pheasant pigeons, \$5/1; proven prs., \$20/pr. Gervin Miller, Church Point; (337) 684-2833.

2004 Hatched BB reds, wheaton & blk., old English game bantams, \$25/pr. Hugh Junca, Franklin; (337) 923-7223.

Jumbo Pharaoh quails, live, \$2/1; dressed, \$28/doz.; pickled eggs, \$6/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Shirley Franks, Lena; (318) 793-8018.

Peacocks, 3 mos., \$35/1. Herb LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Chickens, large breed, 1 day & older, \$1.85-\$2.25/1. A. Boyd, Dubach; (318) 255-4699.

English call ducks, \$10/pr.; snowie call ducks, \$10/pr. John Gillespie, Walker; (225) 270-5637.

D-Q incubator & hatcher, (36) egg capacity, in good cond., incubator, \$250; hatcher, \$225. Lewis Hicks, Ragley; (337) 725-3601.

Super large quail, Pharaoh & Manchurian Golden hatching eggs, \$25/100 plus S&H; live quail, 75¢/1-up. G. R. Chauvin, Shriever; (985) 448-3360.

English call ducks, small type, \$10/1; wood ducks, \$35/pr. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

Chuckars, \$6/1 or \$5/1 for (20) or more; pheasants, \$15/pr.; silver duckwing bantams, \$20/pr. Joy Chaney, DeQuincy; (337) 786-3530.

2'x2'x8' Brooder, w/thermostat for chicks & more, very nice, homemade, \$100. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

Mallard drakes, \$6-\$8/1 or trade for hens. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

PIGEONS

Indian fantails, mated prs., your choice, \$20/pr.; young fantails, \$7/1. Chuck Jeansonne, Mansura; (318) 253-1722.

Common pigeons, \$5/pr. John Gillespie, Walker; (225) 270-5637.

Wanted: Mondaine pigeons, within 100 miles of Sulphur. Eugene Wing, Sulphur; (337) 528-9393.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Large breed rabbit crosses, NZ, Calif. & colored, live, \$5/1-up; dressed, \$6/1. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

Large meat rabbits, NZ, Calif., checkered giant, giant Flemish, all crosses, \$10-\$20/1, also young breeder does. Ira Thibodeaux, Jackson; (225) 634-5588.

Calif., NZW, cross rabbits, all ages, \$5/1-up. Ernest or Jackie Albert, Milton; (337) 856-5726.

Lop rabbits, (10) does, (5) bucks, breeders, cages, (15) holes, feeders, water bottles, nest boxes, etc., selling out, \$275. Raymond Myers, Franklinton; (985) 839-5123.

NZW, lagrooties, Calif. & San Juans, \$5/1-up. Chuck Jeansonne, Mansura; (318) 253-1722.

RATITES

(4) Pr. Ostrich, great layers, selling in prs. only, \$1000/pr. Dee Kucera, Port Allen; (225) 627-5197.

DEER & EXOTICS

Reg. llamas, 6 mo. female, brown & wh. markings, \$400; bred female, due in Oct., \$650; adult male, proven producer, \$300. Ronnie Bean, Norwood; (225) 219-3046.

Sieka trophy, \$500; whitetail trophy bucks, \$1500/1; female water buffalo, cow & calf, \$1500; elk trophy bulls, \$2000/1. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Whitetail yrlg., \$250/1-up; 1 yr. buck, \$550; 200 lb. whitetail buck, 160 class, \$850; 12-point buck,

\$900. Mr. & Mrs. Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 642-5251.

Rocky Mountain elk, male & female, 2 yrs.-5 yrs., \$600/1-up. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Freezer, 3-door, for crawfish farmer, new compressor, \$1500. Paul Repzas, Ville Platte; (337) 468-3333.

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

Boat motor, pond use, 2 hp, ESKA, good cond., \$145. Smokie Densoux, Gonzales; (225) 644-4159.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Approx. 20 acres, .9 miles from Mamou, just off Hwy 104 on Ferdie Rd., great location for farming or homestead, \$40,000. Capri Young, Lafayette; (337) 278-0320 or (985) 518-4778.

Ascension Parish, 13 acres in St. Amant, w/2 yr. mobile home, 32'x36' barn, fenced for horses, \$165,000. A. Stafford, St. Amant; (225) 571-8562.

FARM SERVICES

Horse boarding, training & stud service avail. Jim Sullivan, Winnsboro; (318) 435-3104 or (318) 435-5185.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Creole garlic, platted strings, 24 clusters, \$8/1. Paul N. Troxclair, Plaquemine; (225) 545-3739.

Dark red Texas star, pink hibiscus, fancy red bush cherry, yellow & purple double bush datura, white & red cypress vine, double bi-color confederate rose, \$1.50/pkt. w/ SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Seeds, birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushaw green stripe, \$1.50/30 seeds. James A. Robin Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Pine straw, machine-baled premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/bale at barn. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

Elephant garlic seeds, clean & separated, \$2/ lb., plus shipping. Charles Newberry, Belle Chasse; (504) 656-2654.

Rattle top, rose of Sharon, Job's tears, red bud, cassia, morning glory bush, loofa gourd, purple hyacinth bean, passion vine, Dutchman's pipe, \$1/pkg., w/SASE. E.L. Duplessis, Maurepas; (225) 698-6307.

Shallots, 35 lbs., \$1.25/lb. L. Istre, Crowley; (337) 835-5194.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Fast growing, large leaves, used for shade at Audubon Zoo, grows up to 40", \$5/1 in gal. Cans at place. L. Dovalina, Metairie; (504) 831-2833.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, also select mulberry trees, Chickasaw plum, Mexican plum, native magnolia, burr oak, \$8-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2 gal, \$9.50/1; 3 yrs., 3 gal., \$12.50 at place; 10 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Elliot, grafted pecan trees, 2 yrs., in large containers, 1" to 1 1/2" caliper, 6 ft. tall, \$45/1. James A. Robin, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

Louisiana live oaks, 1 gal., 3'-4', \$2/1; Live oak liners, 18"-24", \$.50/1. A.M. Gray III, Patterson; (985) 395-5193.

Lognant, \$5/1-up; Celeste, honey dew, & gum ishia figs, \$5/1-up; Lily of the Nile, \$6/1; red spider lily, \$25/25 p.p.; Confederate rose, \$5/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Celeste & Brown turkey fig trees, 4'-5', \$5/1; Southern magnolia, 4'-5', \$12-\$15/1; Chinese fan & jelly palms, \$10/ 3 gal.; Japanese yew, 3 gal. Bushes, \$8-\$10; monkey grass, 3 qt. Tufts, \$1. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Wanted: large/mature lagustrum bushes, in Lafayette or Covington area. Bob Cazayoux, Lafayette; (985) 792-1152 or (337) 291-1199.

HAY & GRAIN

Rd. roll of Russell Bermuda grass & rolls of Alicia Bermuda grass, 5x5 bales, \$20/1. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

Kansas Alfalfa hay, horse quality, \$7.5/1 or \$7/1 if (500) or more bales purchased, will del. (500) bales or more, you unload. Ivan Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

2004 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, in field, \$3/1, in barn; \$3.5-\$4/bale; \$4-\$4.5, delivered but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

Top quality Alicia Bermuda, in field, \$2.5/1; in barn, \$3/1; 5x5 rd. bales, \$15/1, del. avail. Brian Lavergne, Roanoke; (337) 753-2505 or Brad (337) 753-2654.

2004 Jiggs Bermuda 4x6 rd. bales, Jiggs, \$30/1, will deliver \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

Fert. Bahia hay, cut & baled w/o rain, rd. bales, '03, \$16/1; '04, \$20/1. Sidney Mock, West Monroe; (318) 325-3049.

2004 Jiggs Bermuda, limed & fert., in barn, \$3.75/1, discounts for (50) or more bales. Keith Cahanin, Mire; (337) 873-6607 or (337) 257-2469.

Alicia Bermuda grass hay, clean, fert. to soil test, 4x5 rd. bales, del. avail., \$20/1. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

Rd. bales of hay, in barn, \$25/1; outside, \$20/1, or \$18/1 if (10) or more purchased. Bernard Leger, Opelousas; (337) 948-9366.

Bahia 5x5 bales, well fert., no rain, \$25/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

Bahia or Rye grass, sq. bales, horse quality, no weeds, \$2.75/1. Lew Overton, Slaughter; (225) 654-0086.

2004 Bermuda hay, limed, fert. & cured w/o rain, 5x5 1/2 bales, \$25/1; '04 rice straw, 5x5 1/2 bales, \$20/1; '04 Bermuda sq. bales, limed, fert., in barn, \$4.5/1. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895.

Sweetlix molasses tub, 200 lb, 25% protein, \$45. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2004 Alicia Bermuda Bahia hay, sq. bales, \$2.5/1. Earl Lafleur, Breaux Bridge; (337) 789-3316 or (337) 845-1181.

2004 Alicia/Bahia/Tifton 44/Johnson grass hay, rd. bales, behind baler, \$18/1; off field, \$28/1; del. in N. La., \$38/1. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9273.

2004 Jiggs & Bahia mix, quality rd. bales, 4x5, \$20/1. Brian Marceaux, Vinton; (337) 589-2989.

Alicia race-horse quality, \$3.5-\$3.25/1; Bahia, \$2.75-\$3/1, you load sq. bales; 5x5 rd. bales, Alicia, \$25-\$30; Bahia, under shelter, we load rd. bales. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia, 4x5 rd. bales, cond., cut & cured, '04, \$20/1; '03, \$15/1. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

Clover/Rye grass, Johnson grass, Bermuda mix, dallis grass, 5x6 rolls, \$18-\$20/1. R. Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

(65) 4x4 rd. bales of Alicia Bermuda hay, no rain, \$20/1. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

2004 Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, horse quality, in barn, no rain, clean, \$30; cow hay outside, \$20. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 892-4041.

Alicia Bermuda hay, sq. bales, you load, \$4/1. Rod McKinney, Port Allen; (225) 627-5197.

Bahia 5x6 rd. bales, cut 9/11/04, \$20/1. John Shipman, Wilmer; (985) 748-7444.

Good grass hay for horses, sq. bales, no weeds, in barn, \$2/1; behind baler, \$1.5. Lloyd Geist, Gray; (985) 876-4956.

Bahia 4x5 rolls, fert. to soil test, no weeds, under barn, excel. quality horse hay, del. avail., \$35. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

2003 Alicia Bahia 4x5 rd. bales,

in barn, \$30/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

5x5 rd. bales, \$15/1; fert. mixed hay, Bahia sq. bales, in field \$1.5/1; in barn, \$2/1. Brent Deville, Opelousas; (337) 351-8651.

Wanted: 1000+ fresh long leaf pine straw, heavy bales only, del. to West Monroe. Robert King, West Monroe; (318) 340-0142 or (318) 547-2617.



Farmall cub trac., w/cult., plow & row builders, very good cond., \$1650. U. J. Rodrigue, Jr., LaPlace; (985) 652-3687.

Cub w/cult., \$1600; fertilizers, planters, etc., \$100/1-up; belly mower, \$150; assorted tools & parts, \$50/1-up. John Womack, Winnfield; (318) 628-6768.

Allis Chalmers, diesel trac., 30 hp, model 5030, w/hyd. remotes, 1990 w/1880 hrs., \$2800. Carl Faulk, Cameron; (337) 775-5622.

678 NH baler, makes 5x5 bales, like new, \$15,000. Loyton Courville; (337) 662-3758.

Like new FX 20 Yanmar trac., w/new front-end loader, power shift, 3 cyl., 27 hp, \$8000 nego. Dustin Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

New reversible dirt scoop, 30", \$225 or trade for 4' utility rake that swivels, 3 pt. Arron Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

YM 2210 Yanmar trac., like new, 30 hrs., w/tools, \$4250. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

(4) Turf tires, (2) back tires 13.6-16, (2) 29x12-15 on universal rims for front, \$400/all or trade. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

(2) 4-row JD, 3-blade pickup discs, \$800; (1) 4-row Granyler insecticide applicator, 3 pt., transport wheels, new, \$450. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

JD 535 rd. baler, w/monitor, (1) owner, shed kept, excel. cond., \$13,000. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette; (337) 984-6267.

JD 4630 trac., \$6500; JD cotton picker, 4-row, \$18,500; JD 699 cotton picker, \$800; JD 6600 combine/corn bean, \$4500; JD 230 disc, \$1500; JD 6-row 42" row rotary, cult. & busters, \$800/1; JD 6-row 42" row WF disc, \$1350; low lift 17" pump, \$1500; low lift 12" pump, \$1000. Doug Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809.

Reynolds Land plane, \$900; W & A 6-row 42" row crop maker, \$800; Lilli 6-row 42" row cult., \$800; Taylor 15" shredder, \$4500; Husky 24' alum., module building, \$400; 250 bushel grain cart, \$800; Bat bush hog, \$3000. D. Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809.

W & A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter, 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

10' Sidewinder mower, good

shape, field ready, \$1000. Jerome Cormier, Morse; (337) 788-0667.

Vermeer rd. baler, 605 Super "G", 615 NH cutter, 8-wheel fluffer, all field ready, \$6000/all. Paul Comeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-6002.

IH 480 disc, \$2250. Chris Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-7067.

Int. 300 trac., antique, \$800; 4' wide grader blade, 3 pt., category 2, \$185; dirt scoop, \$125; 6' bush hog, \$100. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

JD 1210 grain cart, 350 bu., real good cond., \$1250; galv. grain bin on (4) legs, w/auger at bottom, 215 bu., \$1000. F. A. Calcote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6486 or (318) 201-0323.

JD model 40 w/bush hog, 4', \$2800; Ford 9N, \$2000; '39 Case trac., hand clutch, \$1500. Lurry LaBorde, Mansura; (318) 563-4931 or (318) 359-8587.

450 Case dozer, 6-way blade, 90% undercarriage, excel. cond., \$14,995; 3 pt. hitch, 2-row cult., \$295. Jerry Fletcher, DeRidder; (337) 463-4898.

1175 Case, 122 hp, not a power shift, rebuilt engine 2 yrs. ago, \$6500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan; (337) 536-6639.

2003 Kawasaki mule, model 3010, 4x4 diesel, hardtop & bed liner, \$6500. Judd Anderson, New Iberia; (337) 519-1284.

Big wheel, 4 hp, Briggs & Stratton, weed & bush cutter, (2) heads, new, \$395, now, \$125; Troy Bilt wood chipper, 10 hp, on wheels, like new, \$275. Doc Lanier, Youngsville; (337) 856-5456.

5' plow, 3 pt. hitch, new blades, in good shape, good food plots, \$300. Jake Hebert, Abbeville; (337) 984-6473.

1998 Komatsu D38P dozer, 6-way blade, joystick, 4500 hrs., excel. cond., \$32,000 obo. James Simmons, Pollock; (318) 765-9373.

JD disc, 13'6", \$1100; 7' heavy-duty bush hog, stump-jumper, shredder, \$900; M&W 7' disc mower, \$1200; 5', 3 pt. shredder, \$150. Eli Landry, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5735.

1983 Ford 8210 4x4 trac. cab, w/a/c, 5000 hrs., 110 hp, engine needs some work, \$12,500, w/bush hog QT2846 front-end loader, \$17,500. Paul Smith, Gueydan; (337) 536-6432.

2004 Kabota trac., 49 hp, 39 hrs., rear hyd., new trac. warranty, (3 yrs., 3000 hrs.), \$12,900. Sonny Robinson, Pineville; (318) 443-3812.

JD 4840, duals, power shift, mounted 150-gal. spray tanks, cab/heat/ac, ready to work, \$15,000, will trade for smaller trac. for hay; JD 9910, 2-row cotton picker, green top, recent head overhaul, good cond., \$2500. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

(2) Used trac. tires, 18-4-30, 6-ply, 40% wear left, no cracks inside, \$150/1. Larrell Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-0824 or (337) 298-3690.

(2) MF 165s, (1) standard shift, (1) multi power shift, fair cond., w/6' bush hog, \$4000/1. Guy Busalacchi, Arabi; (504) 279-9833 or (504) 460-7536.

941 Ford trac., w/5' bush hog, 1-row chopper grader blade, \$2500.

Harold Trosclair, St. Martinville; (337) 394-9622.

1944 JD "B" model, completely restored, new motor, tires, paint & decals, \$3000 obo. Willie Hurst, Greensburg; (225) 222-6564 or (225) 977-1574.

4' Disc, new set, \$375; (1) set, 6' disc, \$300. Ronnie Saccaro, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-6097.

Gravely trac. & plow, not running, \$200 cash. Don Byrd, Baton Rouge; (225) 753-1503.

6.5 KW Honda Coleman generator, low hrs., garage kept, excel. cond., \$900. G. Remmetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

6-Row equip. cult., \$300; crop maker, \$200; planters w/monitors, \$1000; rolling cult., \$400; IH 706, LPG, wide front end, needs work, \$1500. Percell Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

(2) 9' Kuhn cutters, good cond., \$3000. Pat Henry, Kentwood; (985) 229-6384 or (985) 514-0801.

Knight 3300 mixer wagon, excel. shape, \$4500. Bruce Fortenberry, Kentwood; (985) 229-3802.

3'x7' Drag harrow, 4" teeth on bottom, built on 3 pt. hitch, 2 3/8" pipe frame, good for arenas, rd. pens, dirt work, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Minneapolis-Moline U302 Super, w/Moline loader, 55 hp, 3 pt. & PTO, \$8750; M670 Super, 75 hp, 3 pt. & PTO, \$8500, both fully restored, ready for show or work. M. Nunez, Baton Rouge; (225) 892-5938.

Aerway pasture aerator, 10', used very little, \$5200 obo. D. Drost, Singer; (337) 786-4042.

Gravely 10 hp, elec. start w/mower & tiller attachments, needs work, \$500. R. L. Covington, Baker; (225) 261-3633.

JD 4020 w/loader, 95 hp, hay-forks & new bucket, new radiator, must see, \$10,500. Todd Deville, Ville Platte; (337) 363-3094.

15' Terrain King shredder, \$1000; corn crusher, mounted on trailer, \$300. Felix Begnaud, Sunset; (337) 662-6254.

Case 580-C backhoe, diesel engine, auto shuttle, injector pump needs calibrating, needs power steering pump, \$5500. Ronald Sharp, Springfield; (225) 695-3627.

Bionic type grader blades, new, 5', \$630; 6' \$699; 7' \$819; commercial 7', \$1290. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Hyster forklift, complete overhaul & paint like new, gasoline, 6 cyl., 8000 lb. capacity, \$6500. Littell Mouiller, Mamou; (337) 468-3140.

Vermeer 206 stump grinder, for parts, needs elec. jack, \$800. Charles Clement, Bunkie; (318) 346-9172.

IH 5488 trac., c/a, new tires, new engine, excel. cond., \$12,500; IH 4586, for parts, \$800. James Stacy, Natchitoches; (318) 352-3692.

MM/G-1350 dual wheels, 140 hp on LPG, \$4500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

(2) 5' shredders, very good cond., \$600/1. Bernard Leger, Opelousas; (337) 948-9366.

Warren 11-yard litter shredder, w/PTO hyd. pump & elec. controls, sets of road & off road tires for it, \$5000/all. M. B. Wood, Ringgold;

melburnw@aol.com or (318) 932-6181.

Drag-type disc for 1-row trac., very good cond., \$75. Dean Gunter, Lecompte; (318) 776-9235.

(2) Pr. of spring teeth harrows, 3 teeth each side, for row crop, \$75/pr.; toolbar, 3 pt., 11'8"x2 1/4", \$225; toolbar for Super "A" or 140 Int. not 3 pt., 5'x2", \$125; (5) JD cult. shanks, almost new, \$250/1. Joseph Costanza, Hammond; (985) 345-6743.

JD 3020, very good cond., (2) new rice & cane rear tires, recent clutch & fuel injector pump rebuild, w/ditching blade & cyl., \$6500 obo. Chris Douget, Ville Platte; (337) 363-3763.

Allis Chalmers, tandem disc harrow, 17'10", dbl. fold, \$900. Alice Freeman, Abbeville; (337) 893-2133.

28 Hp Kubota, L2600, 1590 hrs., good cond., 5' bush hog, needs small repair, 12'6' single axle trailer, w/fold down gate, good cond., \$7000/all obo. Lee Hutchinson, Denham Springs; (225) 665-1769.

4000 Ford diesel, p/s, \$2850; NH 273 sq. baler, \$2495; JD 224 sq. baler, \$1825; IH 384 diesel, p/s, \$3000; IH 284 diesel, ROPS, \$4000; JD 12' AWOR BW disc, \$450. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

NH 1044 120-bale wagon, \$4200; JD AW 12' disc, \$675; 12' Athens breaking disc, \$1095; JD 110 tandem 12' disc, \$795; 1700 Ford diesel wide front, \$2295; bush hog pop up bale loader, \$450; MF 200 B crawler, 6 way blade, \$6200. J. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 729-3441.

1980 TD15C winch, hyd. angle blade & plug in, complete new undercarriage, one of a kind, \$22,500; '98 550GLT JD, 1 owner, 2000 hrs., excel. cond., \$48,500; JD bush hog, 30 hp, diesel, \$3750; MF 80 hp, w/loader, \$9700. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

JD 2950 trac., cab, air, loader, needs work, \$13,900; JD 30 hp, w/bush hog, 16' trailer, \$6950/all. B. Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

JD 3010, 60 hp, w/canopy, front-end loader & spear, completely rebuilt, new motor, new batteries, boxes, starter & more, very clean, \$6800. Joe Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

Ford 8700, 115 hp, w/canopy, front-end loader, w/spear, all new tires, approx. 4000 hrs., \$11,500. J. Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

IH Farmall 140 row makers, middle buster, box blade & more, good running shape, NH 268 sq. baler, field ready, good cond., \$1600. Floyd Crochet, Montegut; (985) 594-2555.

Yellow & wh. cub trac., w/belly mower, \$2800; 2nd belly mower free w/purchase of trac., parts only, additional implements for cub avail. Thomas Davidson, Denham Springs; (225) 664-3729.

Long 460 trac., w/5' grader box, 48 hp, new rear tires & seat, has remote hyd. hookups, \$4200. Donald Morgan, Zachary; (225) 654-3501.

Eddin's grain cart, \$1000; super heavy-duty hay fork, \$325; portable rice field duck blind, shop built,

\$600; 3 pt. hitch hay spear, w/cyl. setup, \$500. Ronald Mayeaux, Cottonport; (318) 922-3897.

JD 6620, 18' platform, good cond., 1 owner, cut '04 rice crop, \$3500. Ted Savant, Kinder; (337) 738-5818.

30' Antique iron-wheel road grader, \$250 or trade. F. M. Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

5' Finishing mower, 3 pt. hitch, fair cond., \$300. Brett McNabb, Welsh; (337) 734-4503.

Servis 7' bush hog, pull type, extra heavy-duty, \$1200; NH 282 sq. hay baler, good cond., w/281 baler, for parts, \$1200; JD 7100 planter, 8-row, folding bar, good cond., \$1000. Roger Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

Vermeer forklift, heavy-duty, 3 pt. hitch hayfork forklift, stacks 3 bales high, \$1400; JD 7720 combine w/4-row corn header, 22' grain header, 1-owner, good cond., \$11,000 will separate. R. Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

Pecan harvester, Lockwood model 480, \$3750; Bowie pecan cleaner, \$2500. Roger Wilson, Coushatta; (318) 932-8912.

5' Finish mower, King Cutter, used one time, in excel. cond., \$1000; JD 60 trac. Dennis Lang, Franklinton; (985) 839-0247.

Cat D-4-H dozer, 6-way blade, winch, screens, 90% undercarriage, \$30,000. Keith Laster, Farmerville; (318) 368-8739.

(2) Used hay rings, good shape, \$50/l. J. Cox, Ethel; (225) 683-9706.

Hayforks, shop built, will lift 4x5, 5x5 or 6x6 bale, \$160; 9' boom, will hookup to 3 pt., \$100. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

4 Bottom plow, \$300; 18' hyd. Do All, \$1000; 3-row Lilliston cult., \$800; '82 Camco 2-row harvester, cab/air, \$17,000; (2) direct haul Camco cane wagons, \$1000-1500. John Falcon, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-6162 or (225) 717-0296.

Wanted: Int. trac., w/front blade. Charles Chevallier, Jena; (318) 992-6626.

Wanted: Allis Chalmers 160 trac., position control valve assembly. Maurice Austin, Amite; supremesteelman@aol.com or (985) 748-4830.

Wanted: 450 Case dozers, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-3511.

Wanted: 15' Rhino or Bush Hog brand cutter. F. M. Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

Wanted: used carburetor, Holly one barrel, updraft, to fit '78 Ford 2000 3 cyl. gas trac. B. J. Pendarvis, Georgetown; (318) 827-5769.

Wanted: used trac., any cond. Jack Mitchell, Natchitoches; (318) 472-6413.

Wanted: 12 volt or 110 volt diesel fuel transfer pump to put fuel in trac. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

Wanted: (2) rear combine wheels & tires, 750x18, 6-hole or MM-GB front wheel & tire. Hugh Babineaux, Lake Charles; (337) 477-3412.

Wanted: wick bar, in good cond., also 8'-10' 3 pt. shredder. Don Anderson, Simmesport; (318)

941-2600.

Wanted: front-end loader for MF 240 diesel trac. Sims Ducote, Pineville; (318) 443-0967.

Wanted: Farmall cub engine or engine block. Brian Settle, Robeline; (318) 472-9366.



1964 Int. 1700, 6-yard dump truck, \$350; '68 Int. 2010, 8-yard dump truck, \$400. Lewis Savoy, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8307.

1000-Gal. diesel tank, \$200; rice cart, 50 bu., \$100; '68 GMC, diesel truck, 6 cyl., 120 barrels, hyd. lift, needs little work, \$1000. Jessie Fabre, Maurice; (337) 893-6370.

1999 F-350 dually, lariat package, all leather, loaded, gooseneck hook-up, white, 67,000 miles, like new, \$24,995. F. A. Calcote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6486 or (318) 201-0323.

2000 Toyota, 17,000 miles, 4 cyl., auto trans., sport side, \$11,500; 1-ton Ford differential, \$180; 225 slant six engine for parts, \$100. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

2001 Silverado, loaded, 34,000 miles, \$14,000; Holland 5th wheel, Fontain 5th wheel, \$500/both; alum. toolbox, 60"x24", \$450. Terry Firmin, Palmetto; (337) 623-8080.

(2) Older motor homes, both in working cond., perfect camp, \$3000/both. Mike Barlow, Baton Rouge; (225) 229-8546.

(6) 16" 1-ton wheels & tires, for a Ford 1-ton, \$300/all. Raymond Peters, Oakdale; (318) 748-8863.

411 Rear-end, heavy-duty, \$1000; '60 Int. bean dump truck, \$1500. Bernard Leger, Opelousas; (337) 948-9366.

1996 S-10 Chevrolet short tail, extended cab, 5 spd., standard trans., alum. toolbox, chrome rails, white, \$3500. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

1992 3/4-ton truck rear-end, like new, 373 gear ratio, came off Chevy, complete w/brake drums & cables, \$675. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

1999 F-350 crew cab, dually, long bed, 4x4, 101,000 miles, new tires, leather, power everything, many extras, all towing & lights, very good cond., \$19,000. Pat Millet, Gonzales; (225) 571-1228.

1984 Toyota 4 wd pickup, severe rust, engine needs overhaul, very good trans., transfer case, front & rear ends, front bumper, good title, \$850. Quincy Hemphill, Dodson; (318) 628-5583.

Alum. toolbox, fits on full size truck, in good cond., \$100. Candy Coleman, Greensburg; (225) 222-3222 or (225) 933-2828.

1985 359 Peterbilt day cab, 400 hp, Cat., 15 spd., (10) alum. 24.5, new tires, dual stacks & breathers, wet kit, '84 alum. mate tri axle trailer, 30 yard, \$24,500 obo. Kevin Comardelle, Raceland; (985) 209-4223 or (985) 758-5176.

1994 Ford-350 XLT, power stroke diesel, 7.3 turbo, dual

wheels, crew cab, long bed, brake box, gooseneck hookup, custom toolboxes, 143,000 miles, \$6500. Dwayne Riche, Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

(4) 2003 Chevy Silverado truck tires & rims, w/6-holes, Goodyear P245/75R16 tires, in good shape, \$500. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 250-0492.

2003 GMC Sierra 2500, single cab, auto, towing pkg., gooseneck hookup, only 7500 miles, like new, \$16,000. Marvin Carter, Pineville; (318) 442-1717.

1999 3/4 Chevy, 4x4, extra cab, auto, nice, \$11,500. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

JD trail gator, utility vehicle w/cab, grill guard, dump bed, etc., \$3500. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

1991 Pete, 430 hp, 9 spd., alum. 24.5, 63" sleeper, cane haul, special, \$8500; '97 Merritt alum. hopper, excel. cond., tri-axle, \$18,000. Ray Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 654-0616 or (225) 939-5711.

Wanted: '42-'45 Chevrolet 1-1/2-ton truck, HD lowboy trailer. S. Poole, DeRidder; (337) 462-0946.



21' Donahue trailer, \$2500. Chris Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-7067.

20' Heavy-duty tandem axle trailer w/ramps, bumper-pull hitch, \$850. U. J. Rodrigue, Jr., LaPlace; (985) 652-3687.

20' Triple axle gooseneck flatbed, \$2000. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

1984 Hillsboro gooseneck livestock trailer, 20'x7', alum. body, steel frame, 8000 lb. axles, 10-ply Michelin radial tires, new lights, \$3000. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

18-Yard dump trailer, \$1850; '04 16' utility trailer, pipe, extra wide, \$1450. B. Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

1999 Capri, Rodeo Deluxe camper, \$4000. Jeff Spillers, Keithville; (318) 925-3338.

Gooseneck 16' stock trailer, (2) axles, needs new flooring, good tires, \$500. E. Wascom, Walker; (225) 686-2177.

16'x6'x6 1/2' Horse/stock trailer, metal top, round nose, side escape gate, center gate, sliding rear gate, elec. brakes, saddle & bridle rack in nose compartment, good tires, pulls well, \$2650. Jerry Inman, Pitkin; (337) 328-7328.

Camper trailer, 14', self contained, new tires, new a/c, \$1200. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

20'x6' Gooseneck stock trailer, canvas top, new floor, \$1500 obo. J. Fremin, Raceland; (985) 438-9264.

Super Visa-A-Vee carriage, wh. w/burgundy vinyl seats, 9-passenger, single or dbl. pull shafts, \$5295. James Hines, Lake Charles; (337) 439-2100.

Standard Visa-A-Vee carriage, wh. w/blue vinyl seats, 9-passenger, (2) sets of shafts, \$4695; blk. &

green 9-passenger surrey, w/fringe on top, (2) sets of shafts, 12 volt lights & brakes, \$3895. J. Hines, Lake Charles; (337) 439-2100.

Rd. bale dolly, picks up & hauls 1-rd. bale, works w/come-a-long, hooks up to truck bumper hitch, \$200 obo. Chris Douget, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6763.

1-Horse surrey, (2) bench seats, fringe top, full leather harness, full nylon harness, can hold for holidays, \$2000/all, obo. J. Navratilova; Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

1980 2-horse, in-line gooseneck trailer, w/dressing room & feed boxes, very good cond., \$1200. Tom Jordan, Deville; (318) 442-5549.

16' Flatbed trailer, bumper-pull, 6 1/2' wide, good floor, tires & brakes, \$1000. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

2000 Exiss 3-horse trailer, w/weekender special, all alum., like new, a/c, w/heat strip, refrigerator, hot water heater, microwave, cowboy shower, extra nice cabinets & sink, insulated & paneled, \$14,500. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Large wooden wheel grain wagon, JD name on body & seat, excel. 42"x12' body, spring seat & hand brakes, \$1350; antique horse-drawn "Royal" hay press, \$3800. Paula Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good-excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Antique wicker carriage, \$2000; unique horse-drawn hearse, \$4000; (2) passenger wagons, w/top, carries 20-25, \$2500-\$3500. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Gooseneck brand horse/wagon trailer, 24'x6'8", front 9' enclosed w/cabinets & bed in nose, back open for vehicles, back/side entry, elec. winch, \$5000. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

1-Horse rubber-tire wagon, equipped to be covered, has brakes, wagon size 5'x7', like new, excel. cond., nice, \$575. Buddy Payne, Tickfaw; (225) 567-5002.

4-Horse/cattle trailer, gooseneck, all redone, excel. cond., \$3500. Archie Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 984-3986.

1884 Owensboro wagon, \$1500; '00 surrey Amish buggy, \$3500. Jessie Williams, West Monroe; (318) 396-2402.

45' Storage trailers, good tires & landing gear, all cond., will del., \$700-\$1800; Palmer steel dump trailer, liner, elec. roll tarp, \$9000; 38' Chamberlain alum. grain trailer, new steel floor, new roll tarp, new landing gear, \$6000. Ray Gremillion, Zachary; (225) 654-0616 or (225) 939-5711.

1998 Vantage end dump trailer, all alum. tri axle, (2) tarps, liner on floor, all air ride, 28' long, \$24,000. Ronnie Faret, Raceland; (985) 637-2469.

Bumper-pull, single axle, cow trailer, w/new frame & boards, \$485. R. H. Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 369-3229.

Trailer, flatbed, alum. bed, (2) 7000 lb. axles, brakes on both, \$2000. John Suire, Braithwaite; (504) 682-3875.



6 Cyl. Waukesha engine, w/PTO, used for crawfish pond pump, \$1000. Don Taylor, Gonzales; (225) 622-5143.

Lincoln 225 welding gas machine, on trailer, w/100' leads, welds very good, \$1350. Carroll Doyle, Pitkin; (318) 634-7145.

Portable rice field duck blind, shop built, \$600. Ronald Mayeaux, Cottonport; (318) 922-3897.

Gristmill, \$1800 or trade. F. M. Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

WW squeeze chute, very nice, \$1500 cash. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

125 KW generator, Cummings engine, single phase, but can be wired for 3 phase, \$5000. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

Cattle scale, \$800. Paul Comeaux, Church Point; (337) 684-6002.

Okra cutters, hand operated, \$90/1-up; custom-made motorized cutters, \$500/1-up, advanced deposit required. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 3 1/2", 95¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

8" Alum. irrigation, w/38" gates, \$1/ft.; 8" PVC, new, \$2/ft. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 922-4504.

Plastic drums, closed top, 55-gal. wh., \$10/1. E. J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

(4) 20' 2x2x 3/6 sq. tubing, \$50/1 cash only, at place. Don Byrd, Baton Rouge; (225) 753-1503.

Rebuilt injection pump & injectors for Onan engine, model MDJE, excel. shape, \$150. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909.

Heavy-duty cattle guard, made w/rail road railings, \$700. Bernard Leger, Opelousas; (337) 948-9366.

Nursery pots, 2-gal., approx. 1700, must take all, very good cond., 20¢/1, cash. Stuart Burris, Frierson; (318) 797-0239.

Log-splitter, PTO driven, hyd., on wheels, heavy-duty, \$800; barbecue pit & smoker, on wheels, extra heavy-duty & very big, \$500. Richard, Pineville; (318) 445-0229.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, \$1.75/ft., larger sizes also avail. Terri Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

Saddles, Western, blk. & red seat, English Argentinean Borelli, \$125, \$125/1. D. Centeio, Baton Rouge; (225) 571-1253.

Semen tank, bought in '03, like new cond., kept full, \$500. Greg LeFleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

Diesel generator, never used, 7 hp, elec. start w/key, 5500 watts, 110v ac/dc, \$4000. J. Cormier, Morrow; (318) 939-2287.

Wooden cattle or deer self-feeders on skids, 4' & 6', never used, \$425 & \$550. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

Leather halters, \$5/1; (13) metal pipe stall gates, needs some repairs, \$10/1 or \$100/all. C. Wagner, Covington; (985) 893-7843.

18 Gauge panels, 8'-16', gates, 4'-18', feed troughs, 10', \$105, hay rings, open & closed bottoms. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

9 Bushel seeder, 3 pt., \$450; hay forks, \$275; head gates, auto, \$350. R. Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

(7) "I" beams, 6"x6"x20" wide flange, (1) cut in half, new, coated, \$700/all. Elton LeBert, Ragley; (337) 725-6338.

(2) Gas heaters, \$25/1; (2) heavy-duty single cyl. air compressors, \$95/1; amplifier, 60 watts, for accordion or violin, \$185; 2"x4"x8' studs, \$1.5/1; huge bird house, \$35; band saw lumber, 28¢/board ft. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

(2) Blacksmith forge blowers, (1) hand, (1) comb., \$250; (1) single row Cole planter, \$150; (1) 3 pt. single row bailers, \$150; (1) 2-bottom breaking plow, \$200. Ancil Templet, St. Amant; (225) 647-6317.

Railroad crossties, 8' & 9', good

cond., a must for fencing, \$7.5/1. F. A. Calcote, Bunkie; (318) 346-6486 or (318) 201-0323.

Farrowing crate, \$150; 3-gal. nursery pots, \$30/100. James Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2690.

2002 Honda Rancher 4x4, 350cc, 4-wheeler, in excel. shape, less than 70 hrs., \$3800. Pat Millet, Gonzales; (225) 571-1228.

LT 15 Woodmizer saw, new, never uncrated, w/all accessories included, \$4000. C. Robin, Kentwood; hnycrk@aol.com or (985) 747-8545.

Saddle, 15 1/2", good leather, back girt, \$225. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

Powder River squeeze chute, needs some repair, \$500. Robert Doucet, Jennings; (337) 824-5482.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 40' rd. pen, \$682; 50' rd. pen, \$835; 60' rd. pen, \$1039. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Pasteurizer, 2-gal., \$125; milk strainer/filter, stainless steel, 1-gal., \$60; Oster show clippers, extra blade, \$75. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

Raven saddle mount tanks, (2) 200-gal., w/rack, \$300; HD Amco row markers, adjustable from 4-8 row, \$150; various parts for JD 329 cu./in. diesel engine. Clyde Laborde, Mansura; (318) 563-8688.

Galv. corral panels, 5'x10', \$42/1 or \$975/25; 5'x12', heavy-duty, \$57/1 or \$1325/25; rd. pens, w/4' gate, 50', \$700; 60', \$800; 140x240 arena, w/10' gate, \$2995. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Un-used Troxel Legacy Gold riding helmet, blk., med., \$35; Allflex handheld stock prod, \$25; English bits, \$15-\$20/1; English saddle bag, leather, \$20. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Australian saddle w/horn, 16" seat, dark brown, tooled leather, brass, \$195. Candy Coleman,

Greensburg; (225) 222-3222 or (225) 933-2828.

(15) Sheets of corrugated tin, 11'x2', \$2.5/1; (7) sheets, corrugated tin, 12'x3', \$3.5/1. Joseph Clement, Sr., Iota; (337) 779-2584 or (337) 779-3394.

Creosote pilings, 18'-24', \$20/1; (65) "T" Posts, \$1.5/1; cement pillars, 12"-16", \$1.5/1. Joseph Clement, Sr., Iota; (337) 779-2584 or (337) 779-3394.

Powder River squeeze chute, \$1385; (2) elec. fence chg., \$50; hot stick prod, \$42.5; (2) nose tongs, \$16; rd. bale hayfork, \$185. R. H. Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 369-3229.

Pasture gates, 10'-12' 31/2", \$100/1; dehorner, large & small, \$130; 12 volts, winch, suited for 4-wheelers & light trucks, \$200. John Suire, Braithwaite; (504) 682-3875.

Diesel generators, elec. start, 5500 watt, 12-240 volt, \$2500; elec. start, 7500 watt, \$120-240

volt, \$4500; gas generator, elec. start, 7500 watt, 12-240 volt, \$2800. Greg Fruge, Kinder; (337) 738-5505 or (337) 370-6156.

Wanted: sheets of used 3/4" plywood. Joel Carney, Lafayette; (337) 993-2292.

Wanted: good hyd. pump, used or rebuilt, eight piston, hyd. pump, for 1520 JD. Ancil Templet, St. Amant; (225) 647-6317.

Wanted: bale elevator, conveyor for small sq. bales. Steve Billings, Opelousas; (337) 594-8530.

FROM THE FARM

Wanted: old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

Wanted: old coke machines or signs. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

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of conveyors, computers and machines to objectively determine its grade, which is called the HVI classification.

The classing office grades the cotton on fiber length, length uniformity, fiber strength, micronaire, color grade, trash, leaf grade and extraneous matter.

As soon as the harvest begins, some 60 cotton gins and warehouses send the farmer's cotton samples to the 20,000 square foot facility in Rayville, located appropriately enough on Gin Road off US 80. At the gin cotton is cut off either side of the cubed 500-pound bale and a bar code tag identifying the gin location and farmer is placed between the two fluffy pieces. The sample, usually weighing about 12 ounces, is rolled and placed in a large duffle bag. Generally, about 35 samples are crammed into the duffle bag before it is shipped to Rayville where they are stacked in the loading bay.

Only a few dozen bags are stacked during a mid-September visit to the plant, but Sims says the bay can be loaded with hundreds of duffle bags filled with samples at any given time.

"Last year we had to do about 25,000 samples per day to keep up with the total ginning capacity of the state," Sims said. During the 10- to 14-week harvest, a maximum of 130 workers can be employed to run three shifts, 24 hours a day.

Sims said the bar code ID tags are significant to the anonymous grading process. It's all part of the impartiality of the classing system.

"The tag doesn't have the farmer's name on it and we don't want to know the guy's name," Sims said. "We have friends who are farmers. Some employees even have kinfolks who are farmers, but we don't want to know whose sample we are grading."

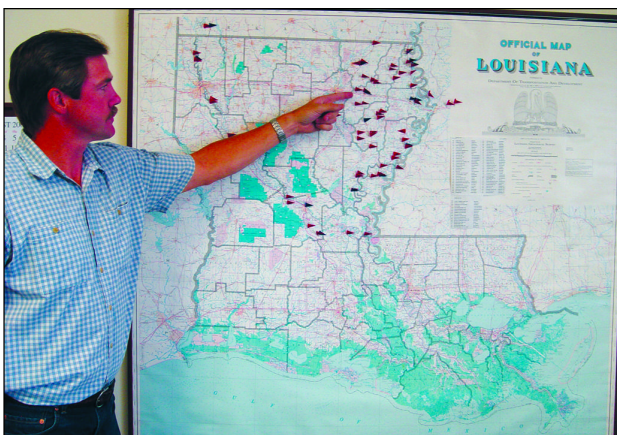
"We want to remain unbiased toward all farmers. We have to remain objective and above reproach."

The sample is first unpacked from the duffle bag and placed in a gray 36-inch-square plastic tray and loaded onto a conveyor. The entire facility is climate controlled to 70 degrees and a 65 percent humidity level. Cooled air is blown through the cotton sample to strictly regulate moisture content to a range of 6.75 to 8.25 percent before any tests are conducted. An employee makes these measurements using a moisture meter. The meter looks like a cross between a food thermometer and a volt-meter.

After the sample is determined to be at the correct moisture level, it is sent down the conveyor belt to the classing room where the actual grading is done. Vacuums in the well-lighted classing room whir silently to suck up the thousands of micro-particle fibers that come loose from the cotton samples. Lint quickly piles up on the vented openings at each workstation. Some employees choose to wear surgical-type masks to avoid breathing in the tiny particles.

Technicians manning 15 computer stations do the testing that determine the quality of the cotton bale and ultimately the market price. The workstations feature a computer monitor, several weighing devices and other high precision pieces of equipment where nearly all of the classing operations can be done quickly in a matter of seconds.

At the beginning of each shift the measuring instrumentation is calibrated to a set of known standards. The instruments are



Cotton Program Area Director Terry Sims' map highlights the location of the cotton gins and warehouses serviced by the Rayville cotton classing facility.

periodically re-calibrated during the shift to maintain the integrity of the testing procedures.

A series of fiber length, strength and uniformity tests are measured with the computer eliminating the guesswork that human classers used to do. Before the use of computers and precision instruments, Sims said that human graders used to have to place a sample wad of cotton between their hands and pull it apart until they were able to judge the length of the fibers to a 32nd of an inch. It took six months of training to teach a classer this skill. The classer would then have to score 70 per cent on a classing test before they were deemed qualified to judge fiber length.

Now passing the same "beard" of parallel fibers through a sensing point, the computer grades fiber length in a matter of seconds. The beard is formed when sample fibers are grabbed with a clamp, then combed, brushed, straightened and measured to a 100th of an inch.

The type of cotton variety planted usually determines fiber length, but it can also be affected by extreme temperature, water, stress and nutrient deficiency, all of which can shorten the fiber.

The micronaire measurement tests fiber fineness and maturity by sending an air stream through a 10-gram mass of a cotton sample. It measures the air permeability that ultimately determines the machine speeds needed to make these fibers into yarn. Yarns made from finer fiber result in more fibers per cross-section, which in turn produces stronger yarns. Also, more mature fibers absorb and retain fabric dyes better.

And the whiter the cotton the better. The sensitive machinery determines the whiteness or color grade by measuring the reflectance and yellowness of a sample against official standards. The color can be affected by rainfall, freezes, pests and staining from contact with soil, grass and the cotton plant's leaf. Color is also affected by moisture and temperature levels during storage.

The classer can also send a sample to be re-worked if they do not agree with the color grade the computer assigned it.

The only subjective part of the eight-part test done by humans

is the leaf grade criteria. Leaf grading is the classer's visual estimate of the amount of cotton plant leaf particles in the cotton. Leaf content is affected by plant variety, harvesting methods and conditions. From a fiber-processing standpoint, leaf content is waste and costs money to remove. Some small particles may not be able to be removed from the cotton and will detract from the overall quality of the finished product.

The classers rely on a box of pre-judged samples representing the universal grade standards for easy reference. The reference samples are individually shrink-wrapped and laid side by side so classers can make an easy determination of whether the leaf grade is a 1 or a 7.

Sims said the original sample standards that are the basis for leaf grade judging were first made in 1986. Those originals are located in a vault in the main classing office in Memphis, Tennessee. New boxes of reference samples are made every year, and every three years are compared to the original 1986 standards.

But quality-grading assurance does not stop at the Rayville level. Every so often the computer will randomly alert a classing technician to pull and send a certain sample to the Memphis office. That way, the home office can judge how well a local office is grading the cotton.

Sims said the Rayville office consistently lands in the top five of all the classing facilities in the U.S. and was even named the top classing office in 2003. Sims attributes the office's success to the employees, a number of whom return every year for the seasonal work.

Partly because of the USDA's work and regulation, cotton is still the single best selling fiber in America today and outsells all man-made fibers combined. A dynamic market for cotton continues to be strong and it is more important than ever that all cotton production be graded fairly and properly.

To learn more about the U.S. cotton program, visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cotton/>.



A series of fiber length, strength and uniformity tests are measured with computers today, eliminating the educated estimations of human classers. Before computers and precision instruments, human graders were trained to judge the length of the fibers to a 32nd of an inch (demonstrated above).



HAUNTING HALLOWEEN TREATS

Halloween Witches Brew

Thaw 1 can (6 oz.) frozen grape juice
dilute with the following:
3 cans water
2 tbsps. honey
2 tbsps. lemon juice

1/4 tsp. ground ginger
1 cinnamon stick
2 whole cloves

In a saucepan heat all ingredients over low heat until hot. Mix well. Let stand 5 minutes. Does not have to be cool to serve. Remove cinnamon and cloves. Vary taste by adding 1/2 cup orange juice. The addition of food coloring can drastically add a "bewitching appeal." Serve in a black cauldron. Craft Stores sell "cute plastic cauldrons."

Candy Apples

1 lb. vanilla caramels
2 tbsps. water

6 crisp medium apples
Chopped pecans

Combine caramels and 2 tablespoons water in double boiler. Cook, stirring, until caramels are melted and smooth. Stick wooden skewers into blossom ends of each apple, dip apples in caramel syrup, turning until completely coated. Roll bottom half of each apple in chopped nuts. Place on waxed paper-covered cookie sheet. Chill until coating is firm. May add several drops of water to syrup if it thickens.

Marshmallow Caramel Balls

1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 stick margarine
1 bag Kraft caramels

1 bag large size marshmallows
Rice Krispies

Melt together in top of double boiler the condensed milk, margarine and caramels. (Don't let water boil in bottom of pan.) Stir until well mixed. Dip marshmallows in this mixture then roll in Rice Krispies. This recipe makes about 40 balls. If mixture gets too thick at bottom, thin with a little cream.

Halloween Pumpkin Bread

1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup shortening
2 eggs
1 2/3 cups flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
3/4 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 cup water
1 cup pumpkin, cooked, pureed or canned
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Blend together first 9 ingredients. Add water, pumpkin and pecans. Bake at 350 degrees in a 9x5 inch loaf pan for 55 minutes or in 4 small pans about 35 minutes until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Rocky Road Halloween Squares

1 (12 oz.) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
2 tbsps. butter
2 cups dry roasted peanuts or pecans
1 (10 1/2 oz.) package white miniature marshmallows
Assorted soft Halloween candy pieces such as candy corn or M&M's

In top of double boiler melt chocolate with milk and butter, remove from heat. In a large bowl, combine nuts and marshmallows. Fold in chocolate and press into a waxed paper lined 13x9 inch pan. Top with candy pieces. Chill until firm and cut into squares. Store at room temperature.

Caramel Treats

32 caramels
3/4 cup melted butter
1 cup quick oats
1/2 teaspoon soda
5 tablespoons evaporated milk

1 cup flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Melt caramel and milk over low heat. Combine the rest of ingredients except chips and nuts. Press half of mixture into pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with chips and nuts. Spread on caramel mixture. Sprinkle on rest of crumb mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes, cut into bars when set.

Renee's Caramel Pie

1 cup sugar
4 tbsps. (heaping) flour
5 egg yolks
1 tsp. vanilla

1/4 tsp. salt
3 cups milk
3 tablespoons butter

Put 1 cup sugar in skillet. After sugar is melted and caramelized to a medium brown; slowly add remaining ingredients into melted sugar stirring carefully. When all mixture is added, cook until thickened and add about 3 tablespoons butter and let melt. Pour into baked and cooled pie shell. Top with meringue made from five egg whites.

Coming Your Way

Acadiana Barrel Racing Association will hold a point show Oct. 17 at the Acadiana Rice Arena in Crowley.

Books close at 11 a.m. Late entries accepted until class starts.

Classes include open, youth and novice in barrels, and open and youth in poles.

For more information, contact Kyle Sherman at kyle@charles-brandt.net.

The Silver Spur Rodeo Club will host shows Oct. 16, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11 at the Grand Casino Coshatta in Kinder.

All shows will be held in the climate-controlled pavilion.

Events include barrels, poles, stakes, roping, goat tying, ground roping, breakaway, mugging, tie down and team roping.

For more information, contact Neil Foster at (337) 598-2380 or Ellen Guilbeaux (337) 855-7529.

Annual fall stocker cow sale will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 16 at Dominique's Stockyard in Baton Rouge.

More than 400 replacement Brangus, Braford and cross-bred heifers and cows will be offered.

All cattle are 1-5 years old and palpated.

For more information, contact Donnie Ashford at (225) 356-5203 or Michael Dominique at (337) 896-3477.

The 31st Annual Old Farmers Day at the Todd Brunett Dairy Farm near Loranger will be held Oct. 16-17 beginning at 9 a.m. both days.

A wagon train parade and demonstrations of crafts are part of the festivities.

A horse and mule pulling contest will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. Entry fees for each team are \$25.

For more information, contact Barbara Brunnett at (985) 878-2360 or 878-9343.

Ron McLoughlin will hold a three-day horse handling clinic Oct. 15-17 at the Ruston Expo Center.

Attendance is limited to provide each student concentrated and individualized attention. Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, contact Kiaziah Allen at (318) 878-1971 or kiaziah@bayou.com. Additional information can be found at www.mcloughlinhorse-handling.com.

Demonstration Trail Ride at L & A Trail is planned for Oct. 16

leaving from Chestnut and riding nine miles to Goldonna.

Hikers leave at 8 a.m., bicycles at 8:45 a.m., wagons and horseback riders at 9 a.m., and birdwatchers at any time.

No motorized vehicles are allowed.

Lunch is at noon.

For more information, contact Dr. John Traver at (225) 343-8132, Murle Cheatwood at (318) 576-3274 or Doug Harris at (318) 727-8860.

Southern Forest Heritage Museum presents Machine Shop Day and an antique tractor and engine show Oct. 30 in Long Leaf, 20 miles south of Alexandria.

Live demonstrations of a 1920s overhead flat belt-driven machine shop and blacksmith forge, including lathes, drill presses, bolt threaders and planers.

Events include tractor pulls and antique engine displays sponsored by the Louisiana Two Cylinder Tractor and Engine Club.

For more information, contact the Southern Forest Heritage Museum at (318) 748-8404 or www.forestheritagemuseum.org.

Calcasieu Horseman's Club will host open horse shows at 8

a.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

Participants will be able to take part in more than 40 judged events and nine speed events. Year-end awards will be presented.

For more information, contact Marie Hankie at (337) 477-6997.

Silver Spur Riders Club will host an open horse show beginning at 8 a.m. Nov. 7 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

Classes will include halter, English, Western, judged and speed.

For more information, contact Renee Jordan at (337) 855-3279 or Bonny Vincent at (337) 598-2498.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association is hosting open horse shows with western judged and timed events Oct. 16 and Oct. 30 at the Shady Park Arena on Greenwell Springs Road in Baton Rouge.

Halter events start at 9 a.m. Categories include youth, senior and novice in showmanship, poles, barrels and other contests.

For more information, contact Jenny Redhead at (225) 978-2447 or Hearttrain@aol.com.

Old Union Grove Arena will host a trail riding clinic and ride

beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 6 at the Sandy Hollow Wildlife Management Area in Wilmer.

The last horse show of the season will be held Oct. 30 with judged events beginning at 9 a.m. and timed events at 1 p.m.

The arena is sponsoring four barrel races scheduled for Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3. The races are 4-D format buckle series.

Exhibitions begin at 6 p.m. and races begin at 8 p.m. The entry fee is \$20.

A playday is scheduled for Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. with events in the pee-wee, junior and senior divisions.

A tack sale and garage sale will be held in conjunction with the playday.

For more information, contact Duncan McLindon at (985) 892-2686.

The Horseman Association of Southwest Louisiana has team calf sorting events every Saturday starting at 5 p.m. with practice runs for children at the Dairy Festival Barn in Abbeville.

Adult registration begins at 6 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome.

For more information, contact

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New Orleans a place to stop and visit," Chouinard said. "And it allows us to preserve and conserve America's national resources and heritage."

A heritage that includes hunting, fishing and even crawfishing.

"We allow 100 pounds of crawfish per person per day to be caught," Chouinard said. "But it's for recreational purposes, not commercial."

And crawfishing in wild places like the Cat Island Refuge can be a hit or miss situation just like the Atchafalaya Basin.

"This year we didn't have any water in the area until June when the season was over," said Chouinard.

Chouinard said the Cat Island National Refuge also has a good hunting program which is important to the preservation of the national heritage.

"It maintains a sense of balance," he said.

Deer, small game, feral hogs, coyotes, raccoons, beaver, nutria and other furbearers may be hunted on the refuge during the appropriate seasons. Permits are awarded via a lottery system. An Internet visit to http://southeast.fws.gov/pubs/cat_hunt.pdf will provide a list of refuge rules and regulations concerning hunting and fishing.

Access to the tree improved after the area became a national wildlife refuge in 2000. There is a wide limestone trail over several gentle swales and a 100-foot wooden bridge over a low spot leading to the big tree. A viewing deck built with a grant from Entergy helps keep the public off the root system of the ancient tree.

Rettig summed up the goal of all of the effort to preserve the bottomland forest in a few words. "It's a unique place and we wanted to make sure it stays unique," she said.

For more information about the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge, visit <http://southeast.fws.gov/CatIsland/>.

State Fair of Louisiana: activities and fun

Oct. 22 - Cajun Microwave cooking demo & bread pudding demo featuring Chef Roy Lyons; amateur boxing between Shreveport/Bossier fire departments and police departments; school day.

Oct. 23 - 4-H "Share-the-Fun" talent show; 2004 Cheer & Dance Championship;

State Fair of Louisiana Twirling and Danceline Competition.

Oct. 24 - "Seasonings & Spices" day, traditional La. gumbo demonstration.

Oct. 27 - Junior Livestock Sale & senior citizens day; free admission day 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$1 kiddie rides.

Oct. 28 - Shortcuts to dinner cooking demonstration.

Oct. 29 - Dairy day.

Nov. 2 - Two for Tuesday Election Day, two-for-one gate admission and two-for-one rides during specified hours.

Nov. 3 - senior citizens day; free admission day 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$1 kiddie rides.

Nov. 5 - "Something to Smile About in the Kitchen,"

The KRMD State Fair Championship Rodeo.

Nov. 6 - "From Our Kitchen to Yours with Louisiana Products;" antique tractor pull; The KRMD State Fair Championship Rodeo.

Nov. 7 - "Satisfaction from Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Products."

For more events, times and locations of events, visit the State Fair of Louisiana Web site at www.state-fairloouisiana.com or call (318) 635-1361.

Do you have friends or family serving in Iraq or Afghanistan?

As part of our annual Christmas edition, the Market Bulletin would like to publish a list of those serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Please send us the names and hometowns of your friends and family who are helping to protect freedom and democracy. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 18, 2004. The list will be published in our Dec. 9 issue.

Send the names by mail to P.O. Box 3534, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3534, by email to marketbulletin@ldaf.state.la.us, or by fax to (225) 922-1253.

Hay For Sale?

If you have hay for sale and would like to be listed in the **Market News Hay Directory**, complete the information on the form below and return no later than Nov. 5 to Market News, Attention: Marilyn Mayeux, P.O. Box 3334, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3334.

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parish: _____

Telephone: home () _____ work () _____

Bale type (check one or both) round _____ square _____

Hay condition: excellent _____ good _____ fair _____ poor _____

Comments: _____

Looking for Louisiana Christmas Tree Growers

Each year the Market Bulletin publishes a list of Louisiana choose-and-cut Christmas tree farms in the late November issue. If you would like to be included in the list, please send your farm's name, address, phone number, brief driving directions (i.e. On La. 1, 2 miles north of Hwy. 190) and hours of operation, to P.O. Box 3534, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3534 or fax (225) 922-1253. The deadline is Nov. 4, 2004.

In order to be included in the list, the information must be for a Louisiana Christmas tree farm. We will not include any "tree lots" selling trees from out of state.



Visit your local farmers market

BIENVILLE PARISH

Gibbsland
Gibbsland Farmers Market Assoc.
Main Street
Wed. & Sat. 7 a.m.
until sold out
June - Oct.

CADDO PARISH

Shreveport
Festival Plaza Farmers Market
river front at Festival Plaza
Wed. & Sat. 6:00 - 11 a.m.
June 5-July 31
Sat. only Aug. 1-28

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles
Lake Charles Farmers Market
317 Pine Street
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.

EAST BATON ROUGE

PARISH
Baton Rouge
Red Stick Farmers Market #1
On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez
Parking Garage
Sat. 8 a.m.- noon.
Jan.-Dec.

Red Stick Farmers Market #2
8470 Goodwood Blvd.
Unitarian Church Parking Lot
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
May-July & Sept. - Dec.

Evangeline Parish

Ville Platte Farmers Market
11 East Main Street
Fri. 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Fall schedule TBA

IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia
Teche Area Farmers Market
Iberia St. & Main St.
Tues. 4 - 7 p.m.
Sat. 7 - 10:30 a.m.
year round

LAFAYETTE PARISH

Lafayette
Acadiana Farmers Market
801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
5 - 10 a.m.
Jan. - Dec.

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Thibodaux
Thibodaux Main Street Market
310 West 2nd Street
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m.
April-July & Sept.-Dec.

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah
Tallulah Farmers Market
408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
8 a.m. - noon, May-Nov.

NATCHITOCHES PARISH

Natchitoches
Cane River Green Market
Cane River Bank
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April - Nov. 15
ORLEANS PARISH
New Orleans
Crescent City Farmers Market
Locations:
#1-700 Magazine St. & Girod St.
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
Jan. - Dec.

#2 - Uptown Square, 200
Broadway
Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.
#3 - French Market Place &
Governor Nicholls
Wed. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.
#4 - American Can Parking Lot
3700 Orleans Ave.
Thurs. 3 p.m.-7 p.m., year round

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe
Monroe Farmers Market
1212 Washington St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June - Aug. 20
West Monroe
West Monroe Farmers Market
1700 North 7th St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ST. LANDRY PARISH

Opelousas
St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St., Hwy. 90
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
6 a.m. - 11 a.m., Jan.-Dec.

ST. MARTIN PARISH

St. Martinville
St. Martinville Creole Farmers
Market
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30, May-Dec.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Covington
Covington Farmers Market
City Hall, 609 North Columbia
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed. noon - 4 p.m.
Jan. - Dec.

Mandeville

Mandeville Trailhead
Community Market
675 Lafitte St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond
Cate Square Farmers Market
Charles St. & Oak St.
Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, Jan. - Dec.

TERREBONNE PARISH

Houma
Cajun Farmers Market of Houma
- Terrebonne
Tunnel Blvd. & Naquin St.
Mon. - Sat.
6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Jan. - Dec.

WASHINGTON PARISH

Bogalusa
Bogalusa Farmers Market
500 Block of Columbia St.
Sat., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jun. - Oct. 2

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St. Francisville
St. Francisville Farmers Market
agricultural pavilion (4-H Barn)
Wilcox St.
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WINN PARISH

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Winn Farmers Market
301 West Main & St. John St.
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 7 - 10 a.m.
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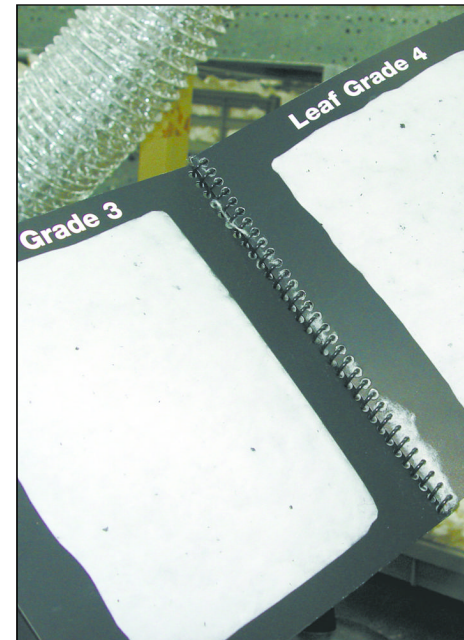
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A farmer's profit, measured by the quantity of a particular crop, is a simple calculation, usually in bushels, bales or pounds. But the crop's quality is an equally vital component in the bottom line. For the Louisiana cotton crop, the USDA classing office in Rayville ensures the quality is judged as precisely as possible.

Profit is in what the eye can't see



Ever since man first cultivated and used cotton to make fabrics 7,000 years ago questions about the market value of cotton have persisted.

In Louisiana, at the very heart of the U. S. cotton belt, cotton grown from field to field or from the Mississippi Delta to the Red River Delta could be priced higher or lower depending on its quality.

Prior to computerization, cotton prices were based on quality determined by a subjective viewing through the human eye. The problem was two cotton graders, no matter how expert and experienced, rarely classified the same cotton bale alike. It was an imperfect system often marred by incompetence and in some cases downright dishonesty.

By the beginning of the 20th century prices varied so much from state to state and country to country that representatives of the international cotton industry gathered in Atlanta to address the issue. A resolution was passed by cotton industry leaders in 1907 that recommended establishing uniform cotton standards to "eliminate price differences between markets, provide a means of settling disputes, make the farmer more cognizant of the value of his product, and, therefore, put him in a better bargaining position, and in general be of great benefit to the cotton trade."

Over the years laws were passed authorizing the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop cotton grade standards and offer cotton classification services for farmers and buyers. Today there are 12 automated cotton-classing facilities across the country from South Carolina to California. The cotton grading systems, operating under the Agricultural Marketing Service of the USDA, provide an objective and unbiased assessment of all cotton harvested in the U.S.

With more than a half million acres of cotton planted in Louisiana annually, the state remains an important player in the international market and a classing facility is located in the Mississippi Delta community of Rayville in Richland Parish. The Rayville operation is consistently judged by the USDA to be one of the top five grading operations in the U.S.

Cotton Program Area Director Terry Sims said the Richland Parish facility graded more than a million bales of Louisiana cotton last year.

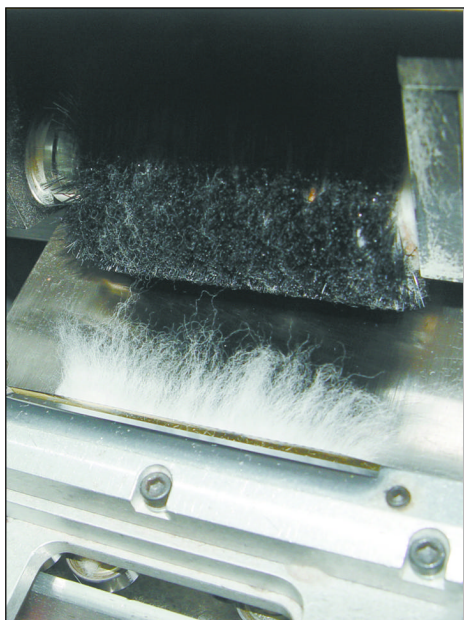
Sims was expecting those numbers to be down sharply for the 2004 harvest mainly because of unusually rainy weather in the spring.

"This year is not going to be an average year and we're only expecting about 650,000 bales, plus a little from out of state," Sims said. While it is still early in the cotton harvest, Sims said only 7,500 samples had been graded by mid-September compared to more than 65,000 at the same time last year.

Sims said the Rayville office, like the other cotton grading plants, run cotton samples through a series of eight tests to determine the overall quality, and ultimately the market price, of the bale. All of the quality tests are done by precision "High Volume Instruments," a system *See Cotton classing, page 8*



Universal grade handbook (top) is referred to for classer Peggy Barber (in blue shirt) to make a visual judgment of trash content. Thelma Harris operates one of 15 computerized workstations that grade cotton quality.



Larry Rivers prepares a tray of samples. Danielle Newton measures moisture level before testing. Tilda Berry feeds the sample into a machine that brushes out and measures cotton fiber length (above).